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**SUBJECT: CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO**

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February 14, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. ROSEN

RE: CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO, was.  
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The attached obscene memorandum from the New Orleans Division reflects information of interest to the Narcotics Bureau concerning the alleged smuggling of narcotics into this country by Luciano and others.

An appropriate memorandum based on this information is attached hereto. It is suggested this be forwarded to the Liaison Section for transmittal to the Narcotics Bureau.

Respectfully,

J. G. KEGGITT

Attachment

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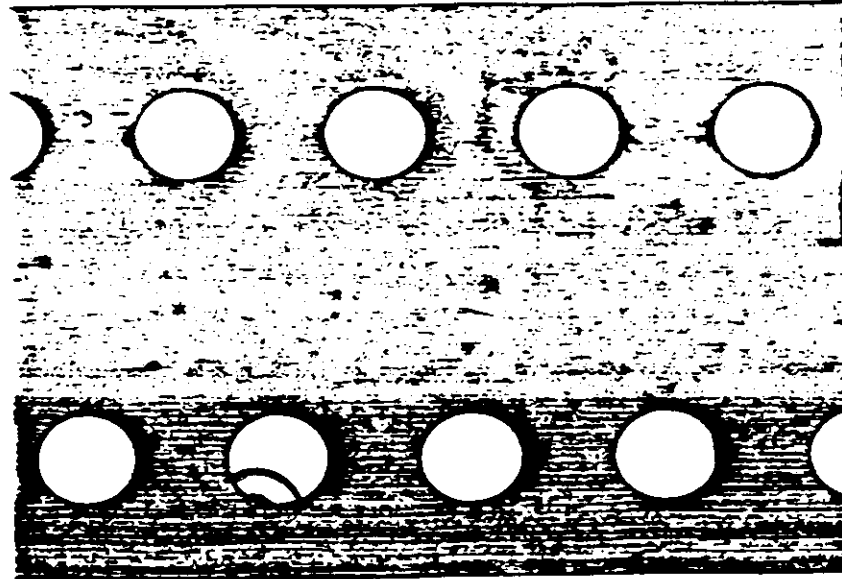
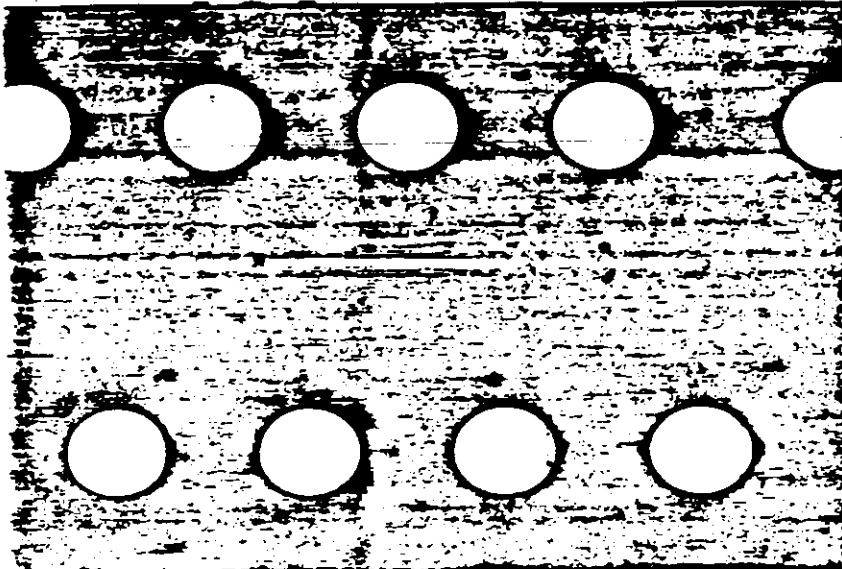
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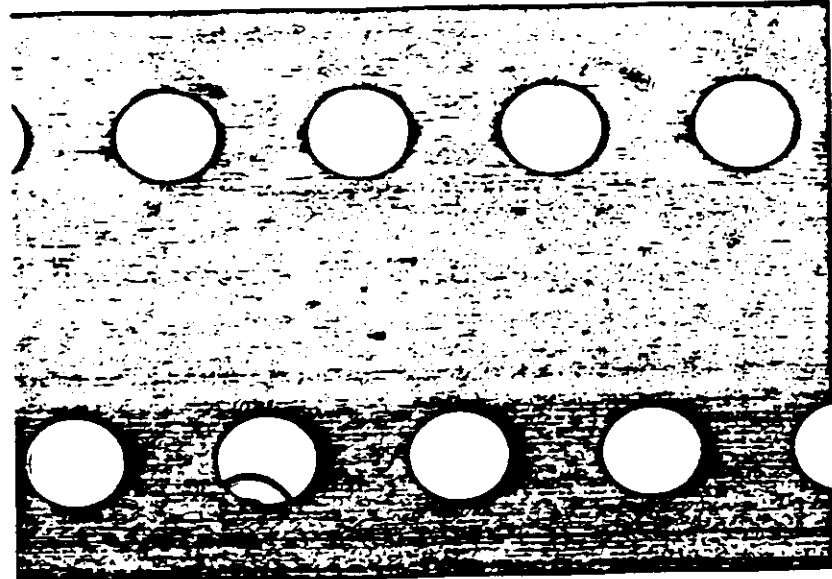
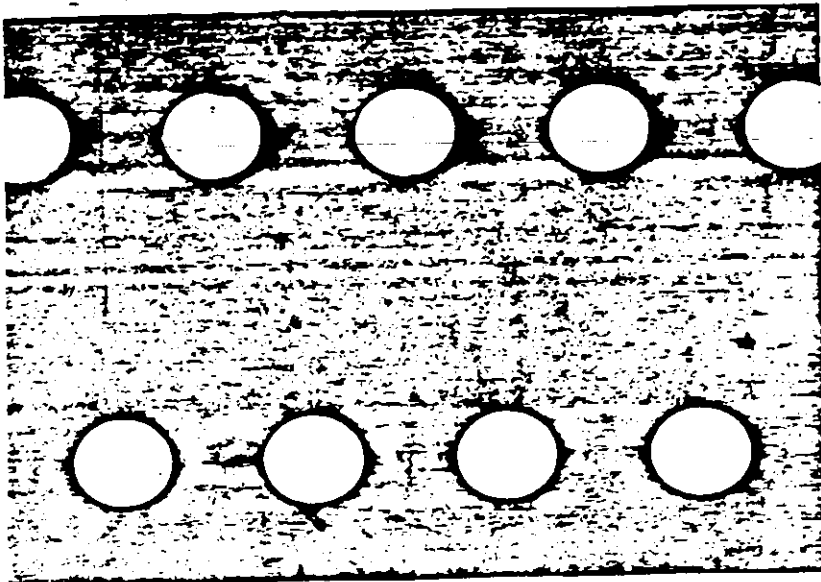
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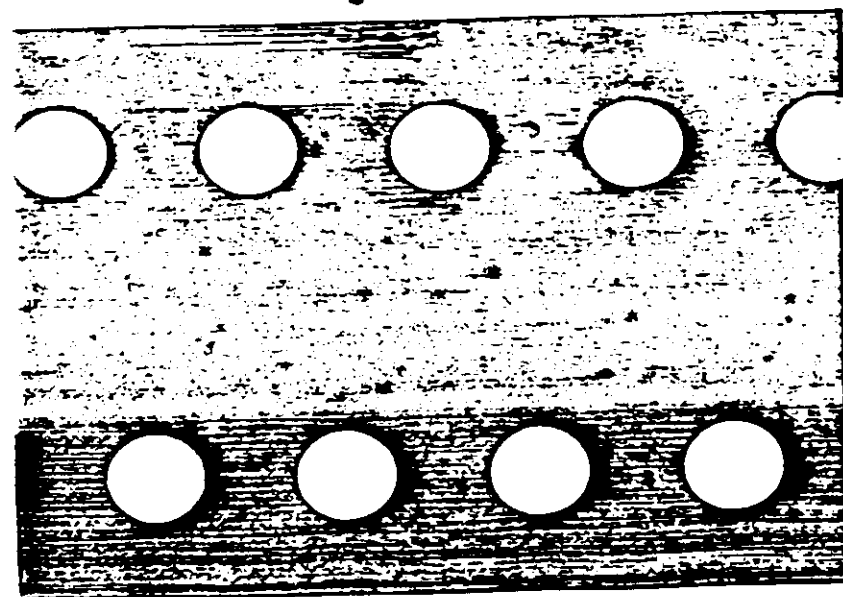
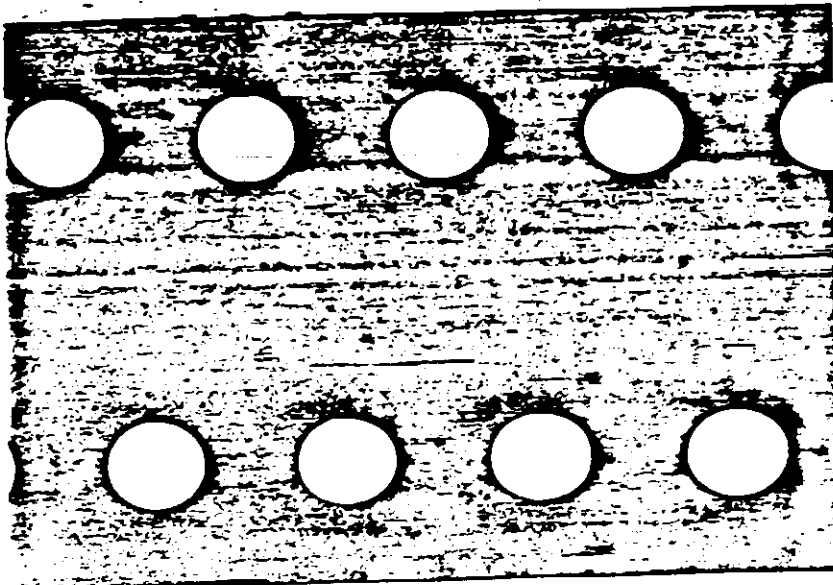
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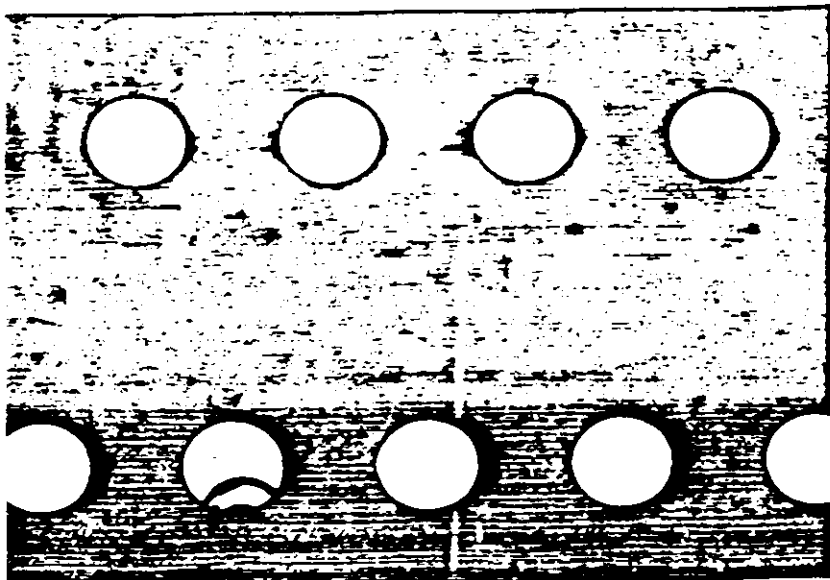
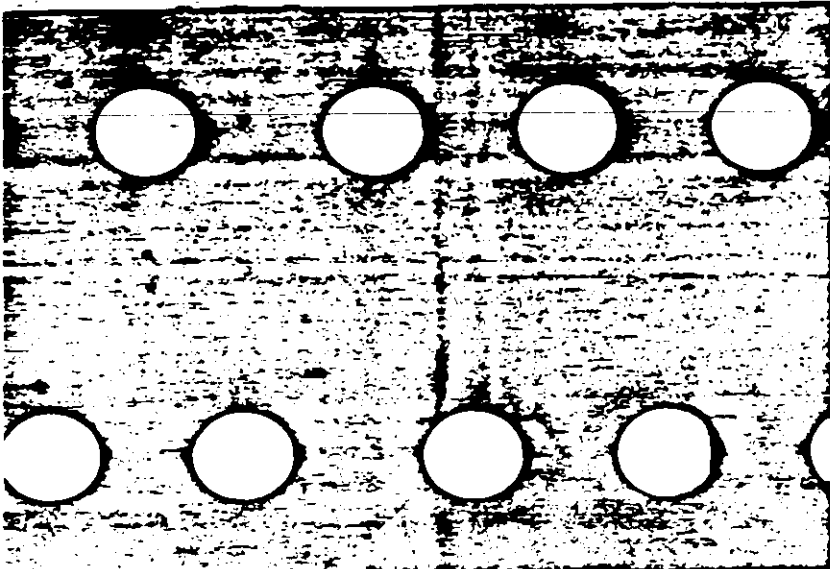
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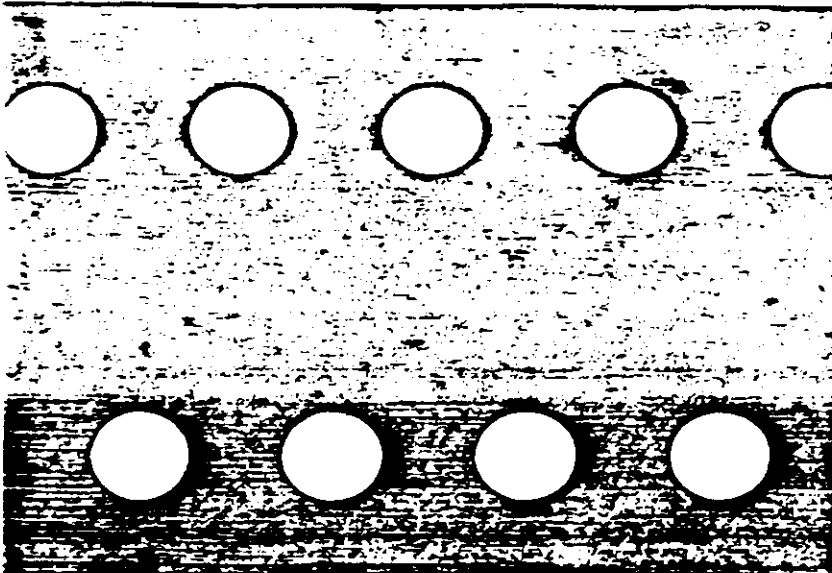
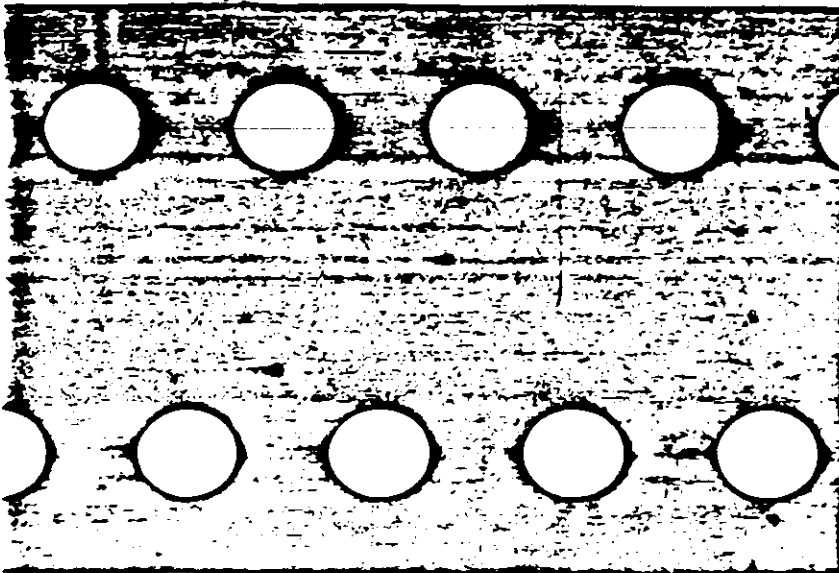
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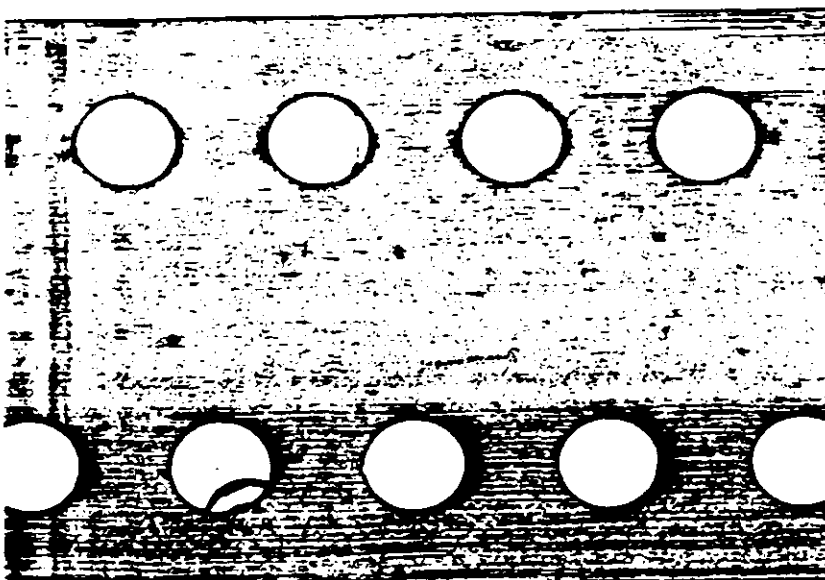
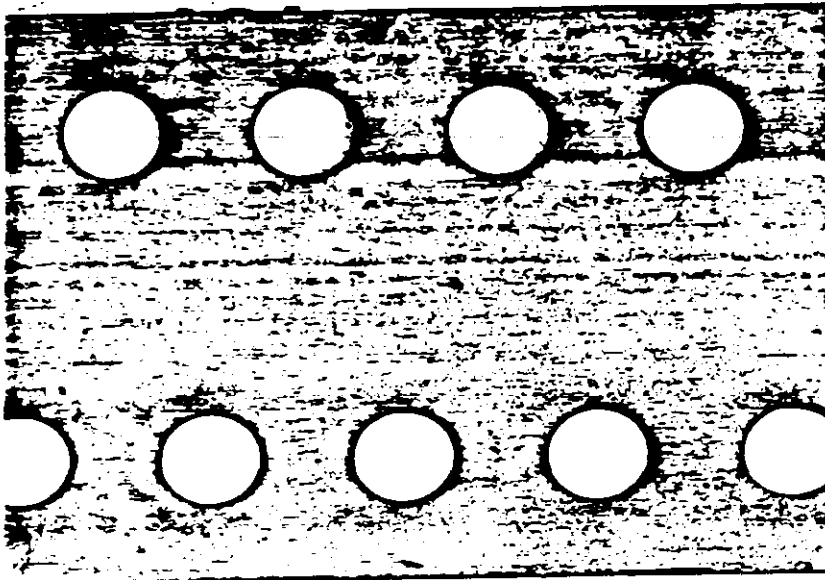
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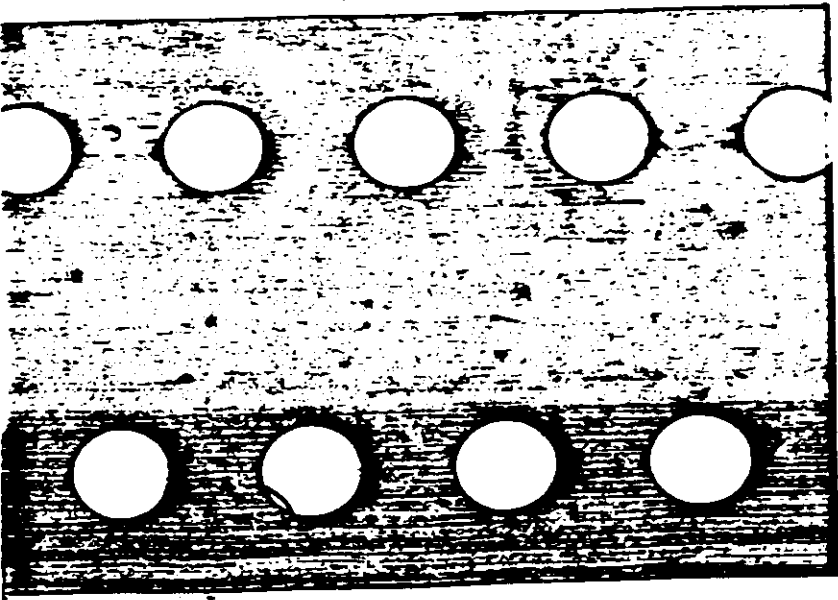
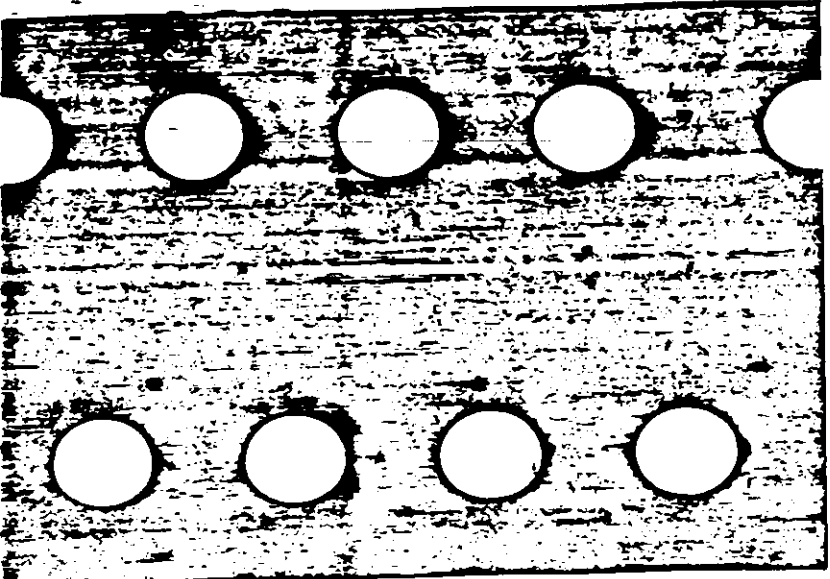
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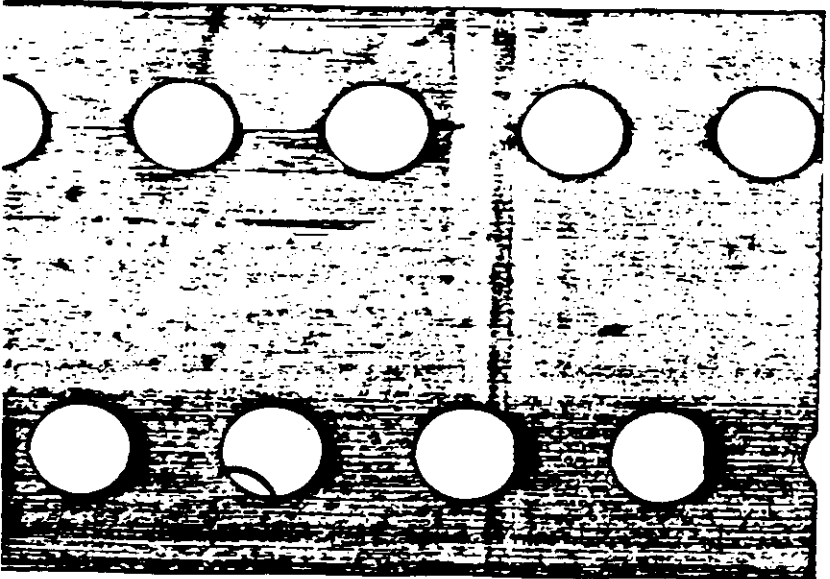
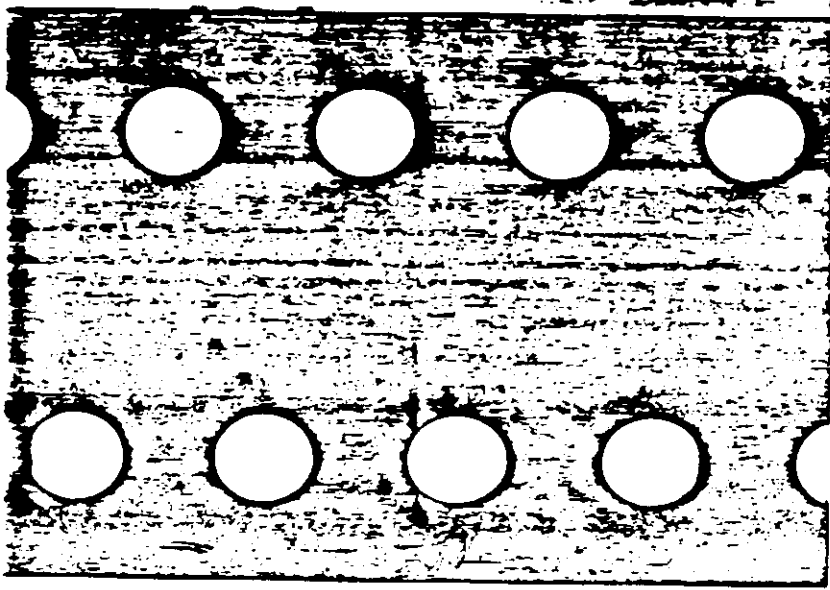
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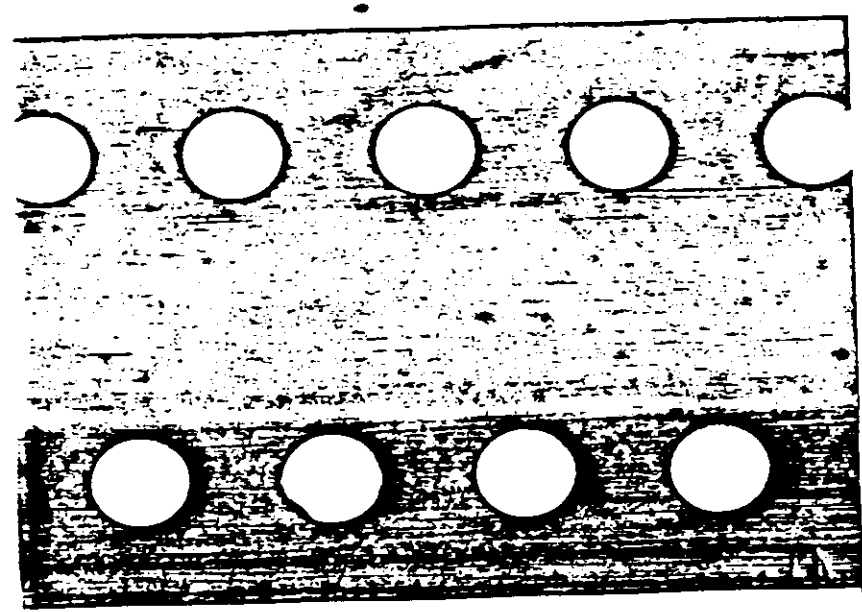
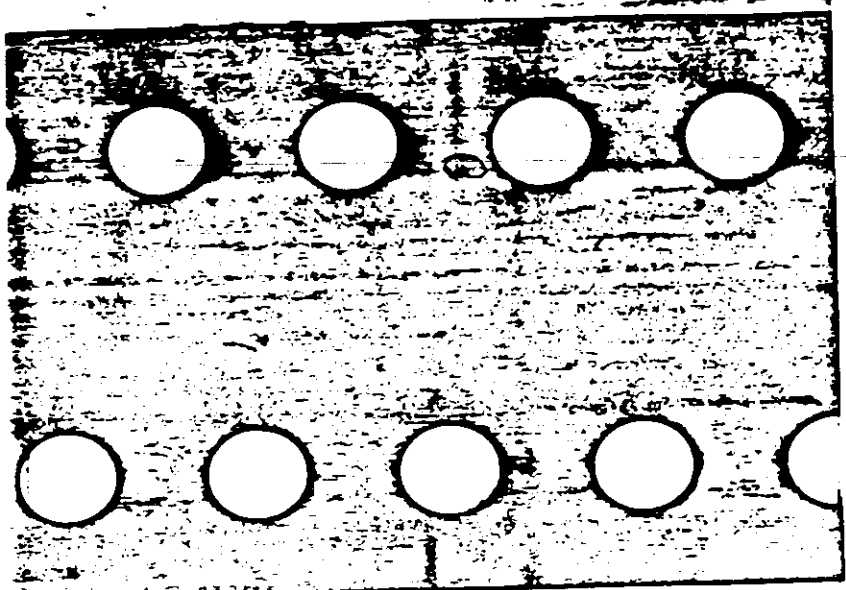
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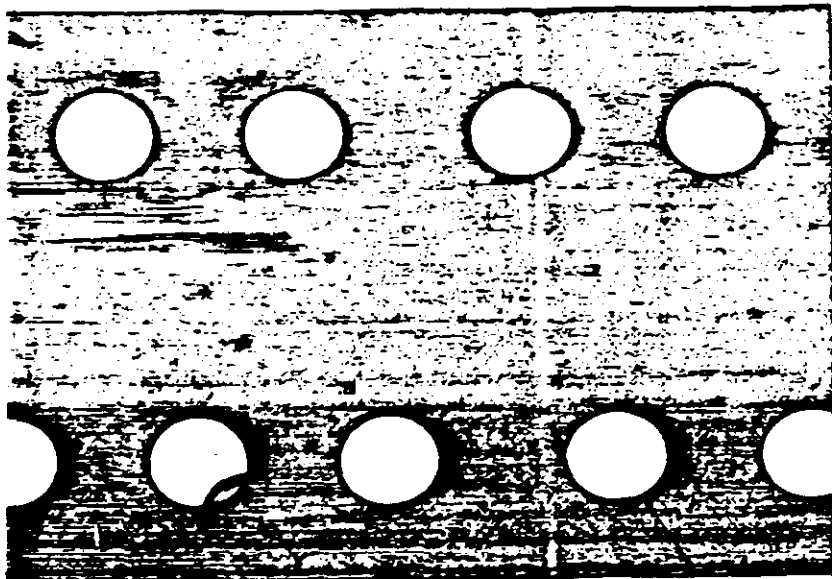
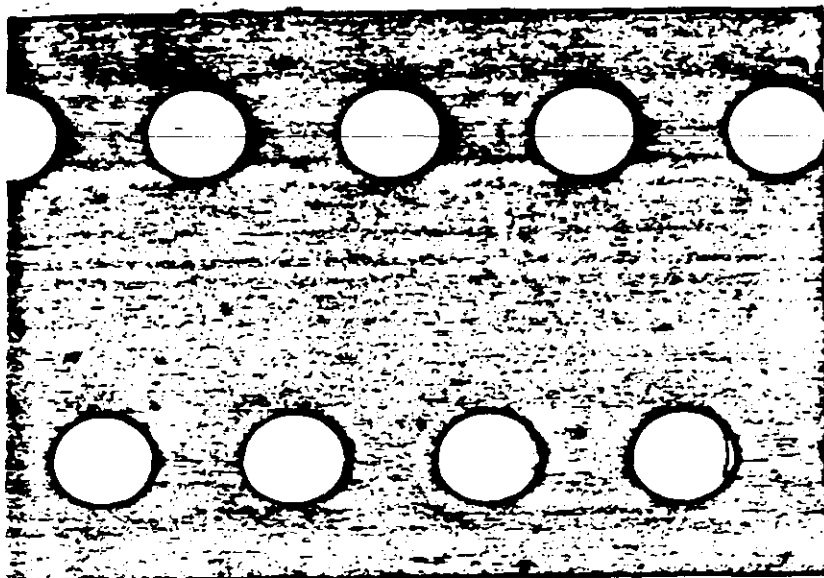
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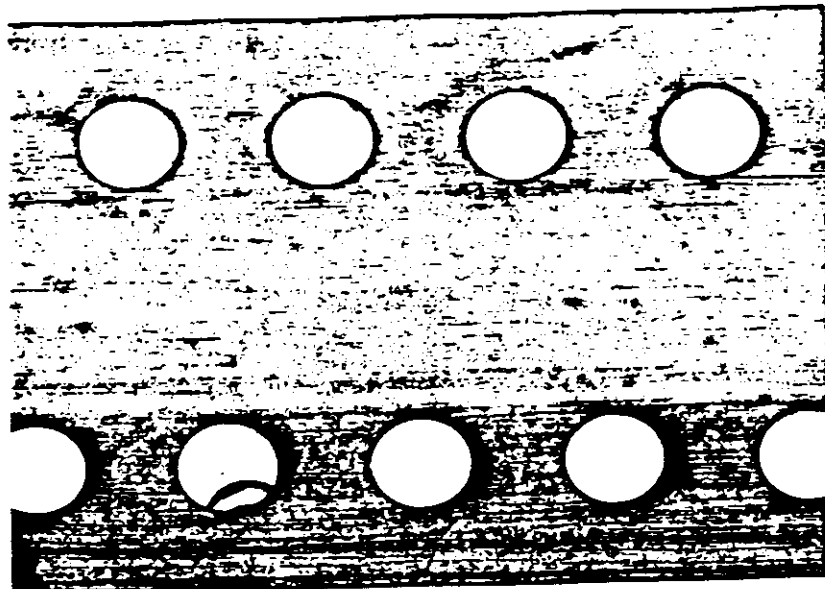
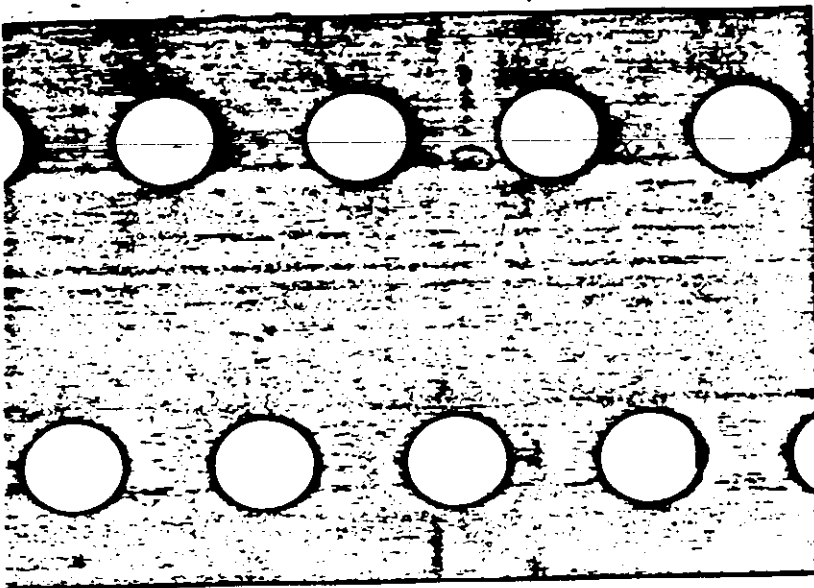
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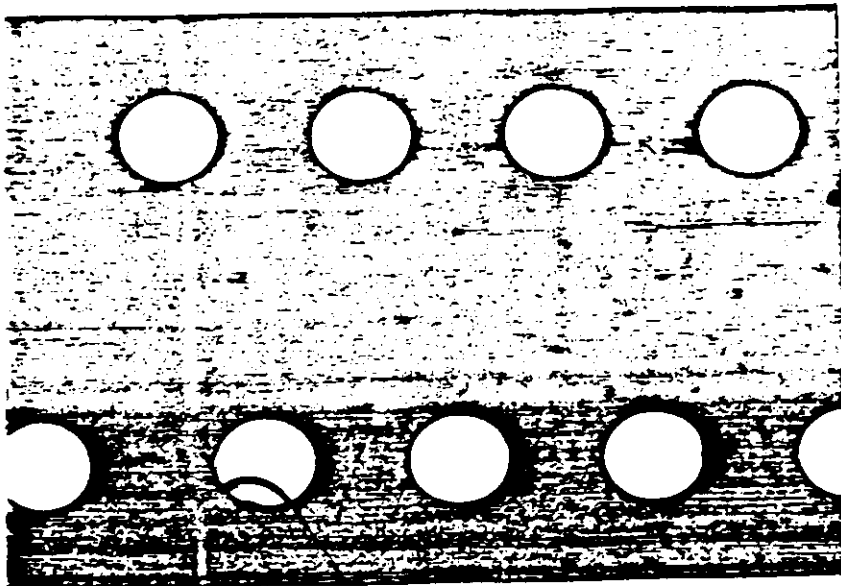
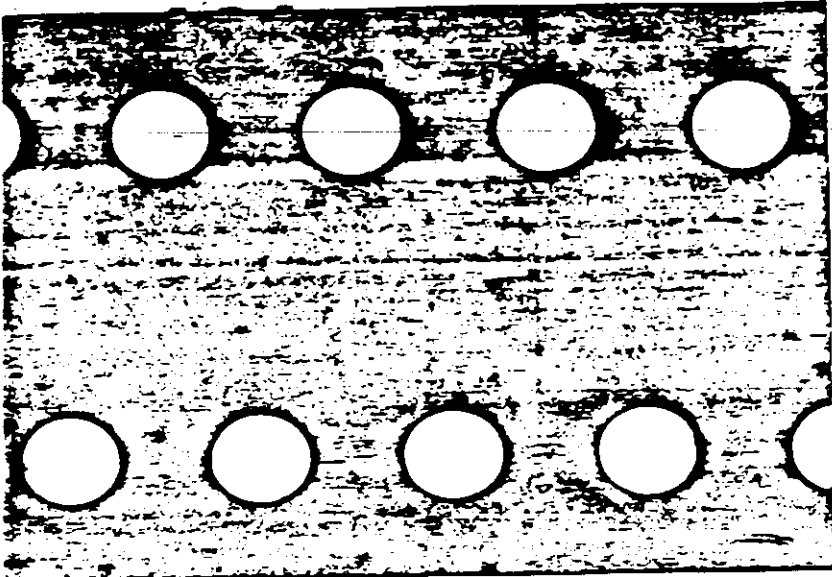
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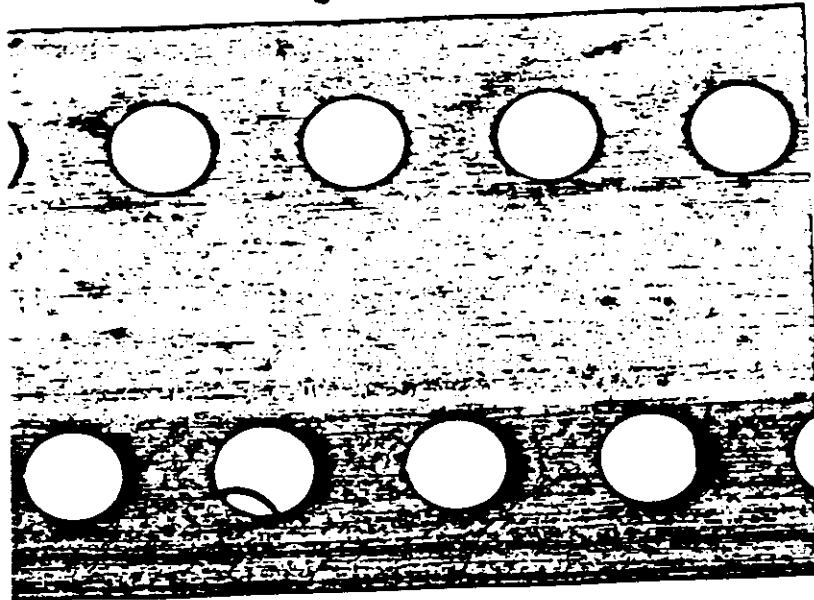
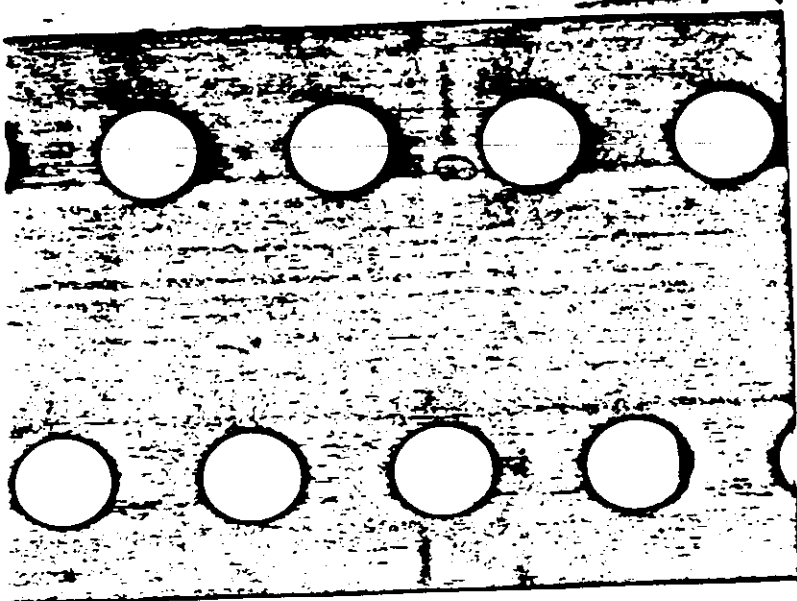
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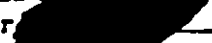
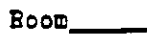
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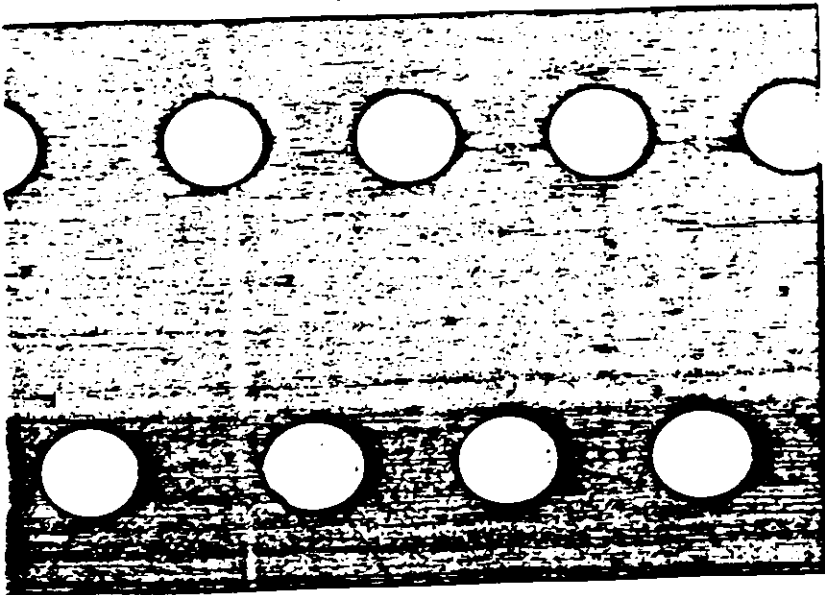
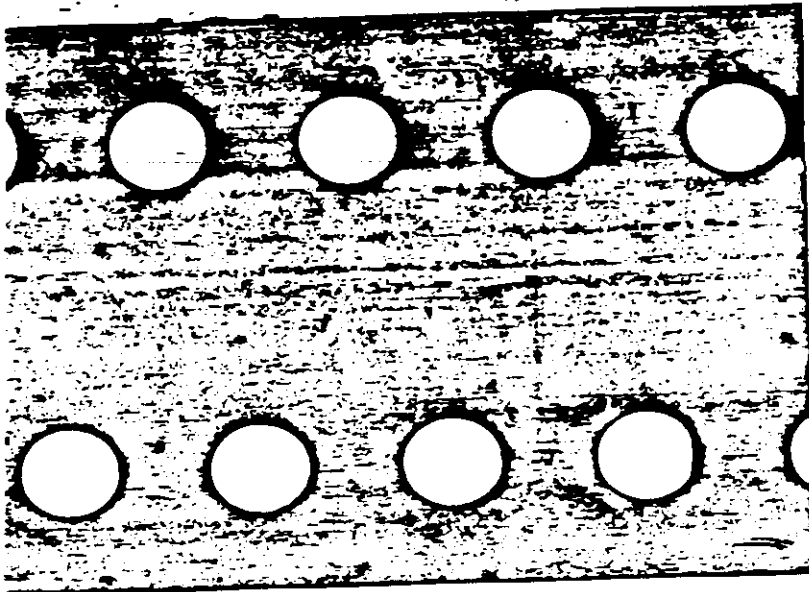
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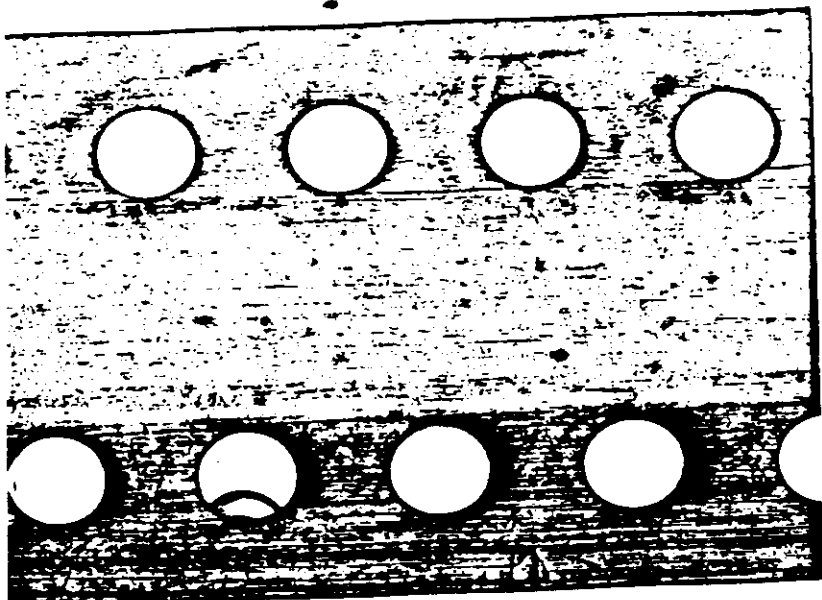
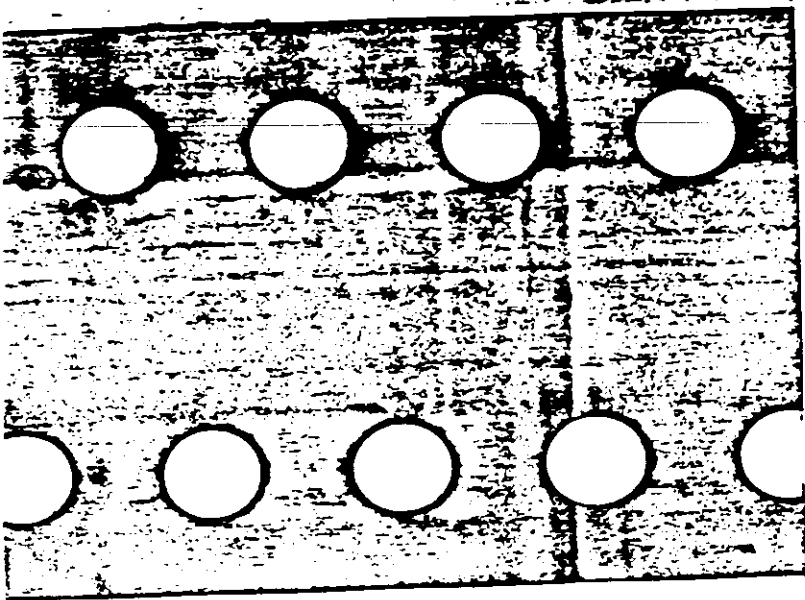
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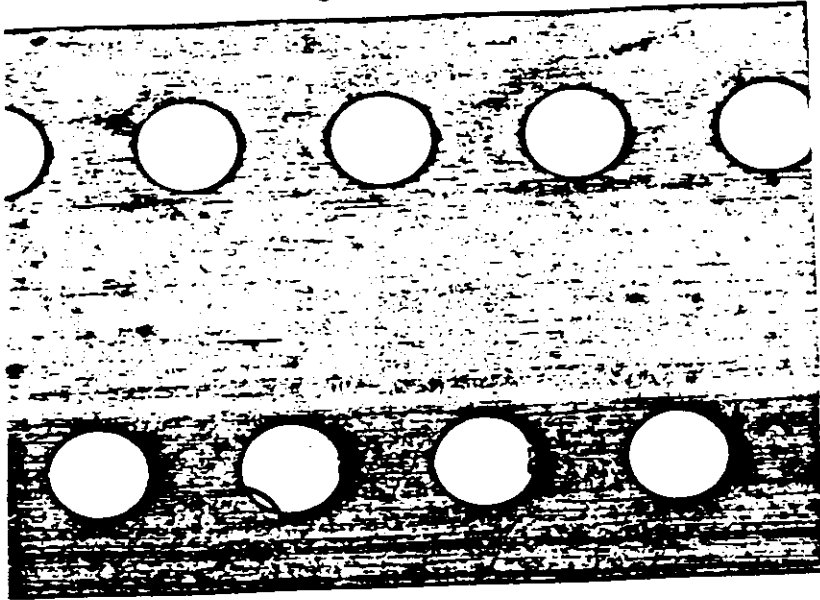
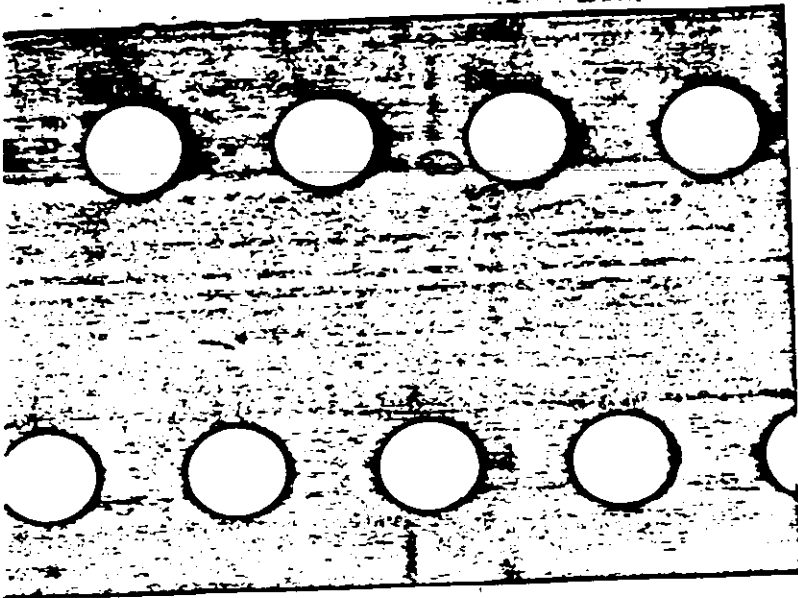


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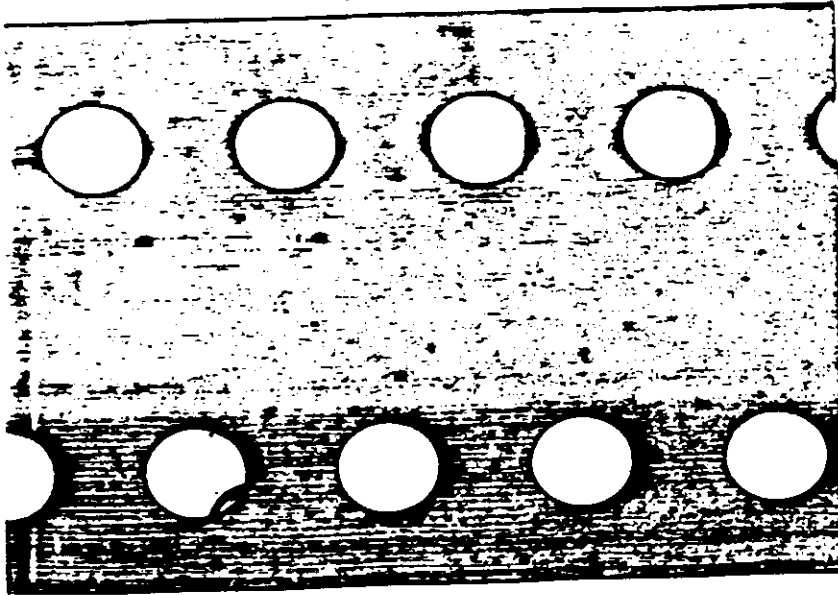
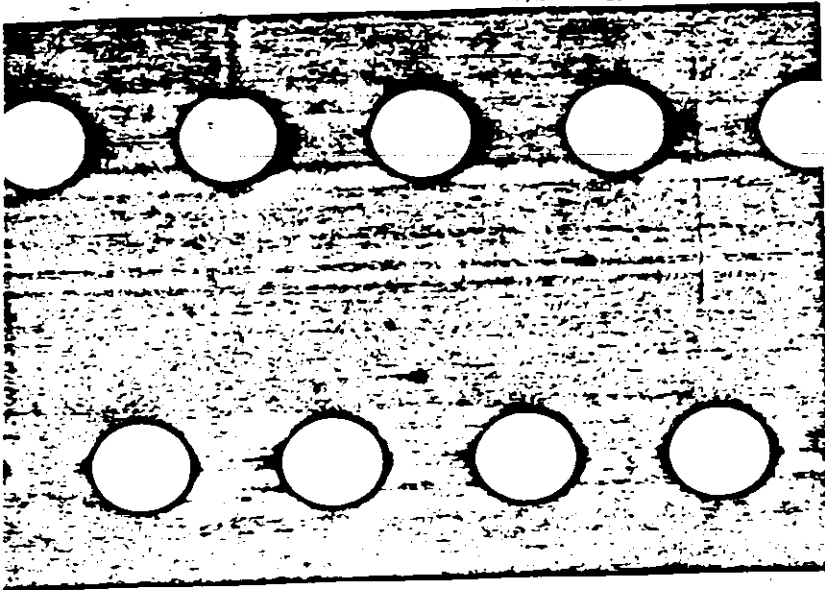
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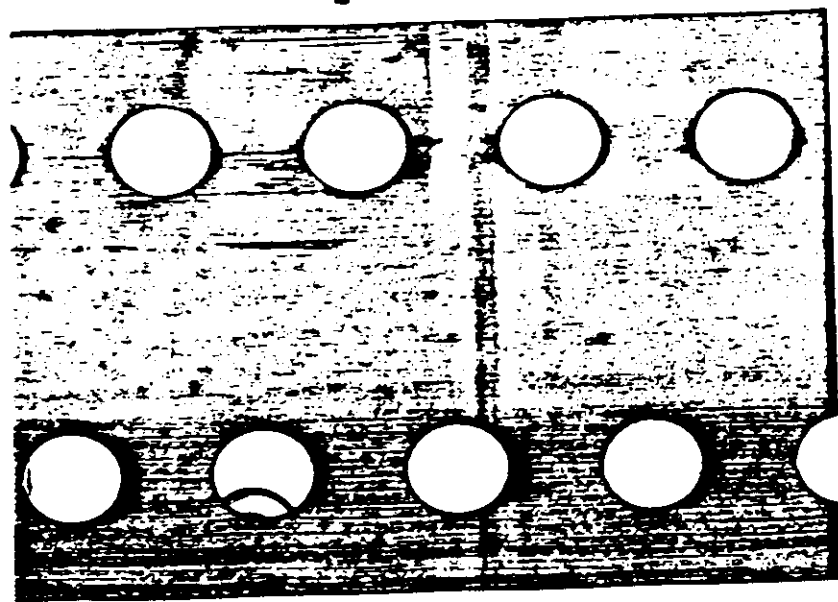
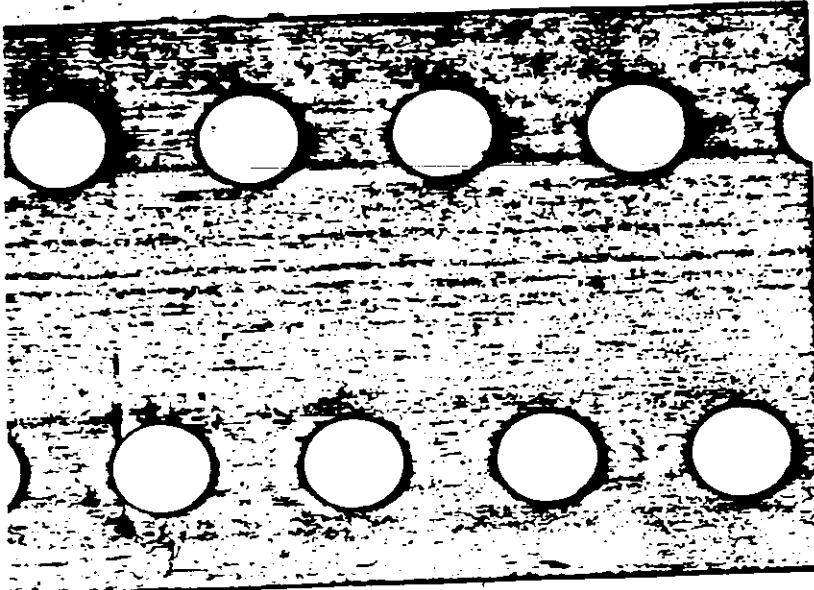
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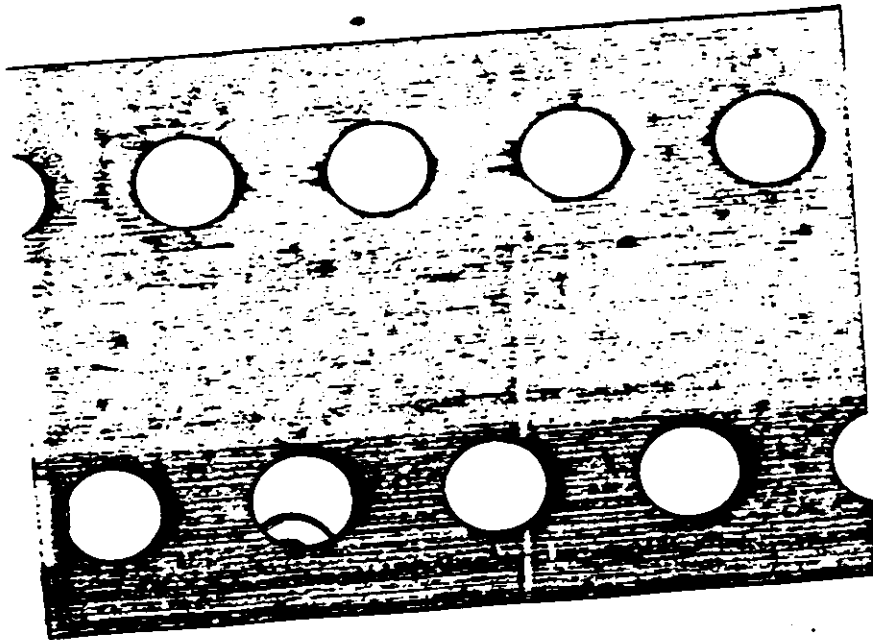
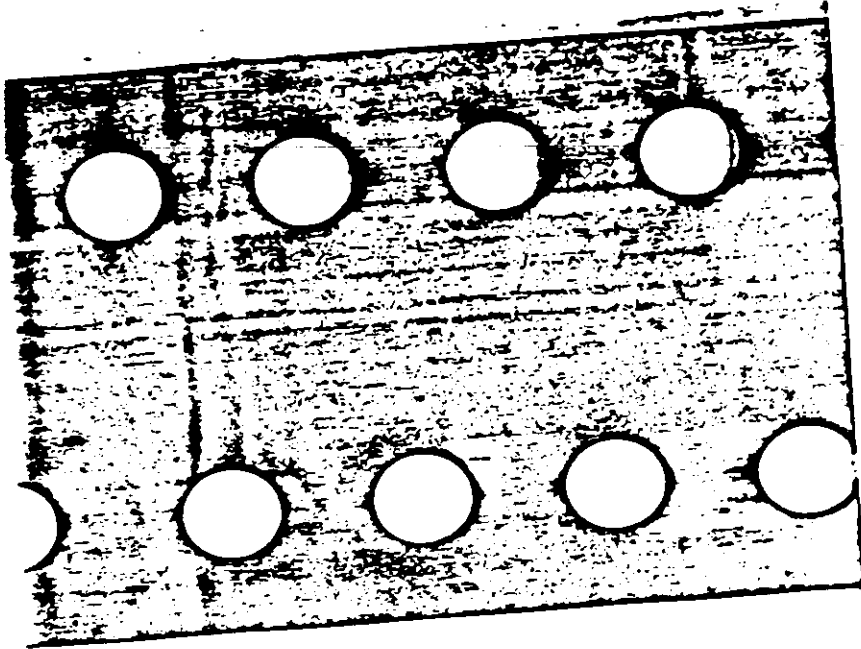
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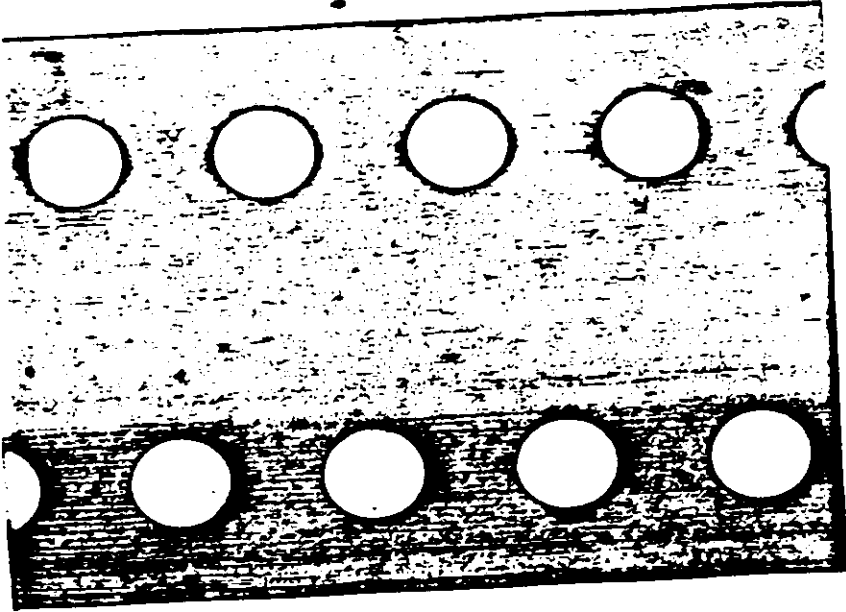
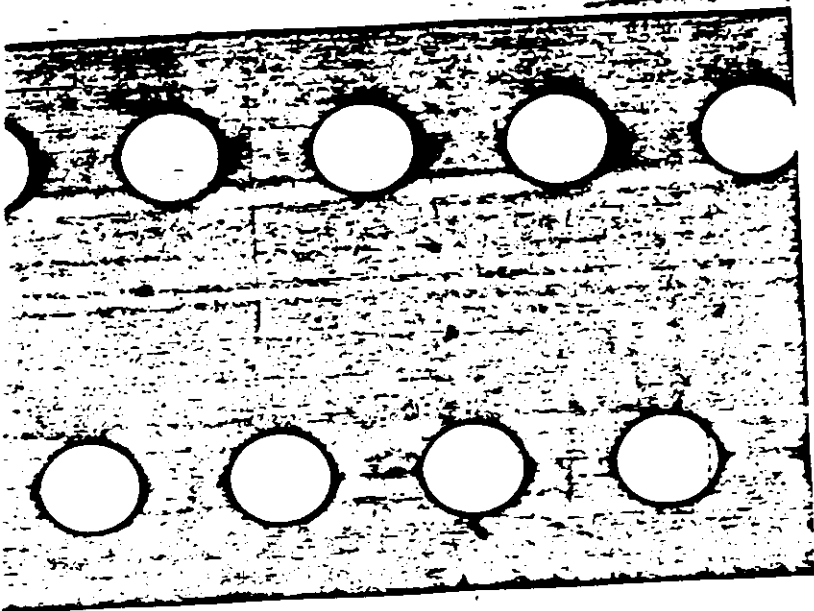
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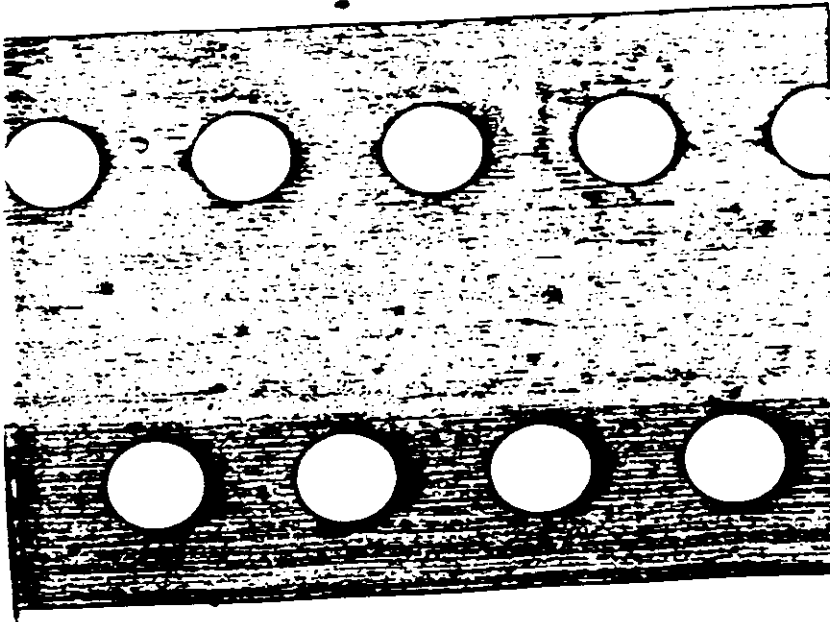
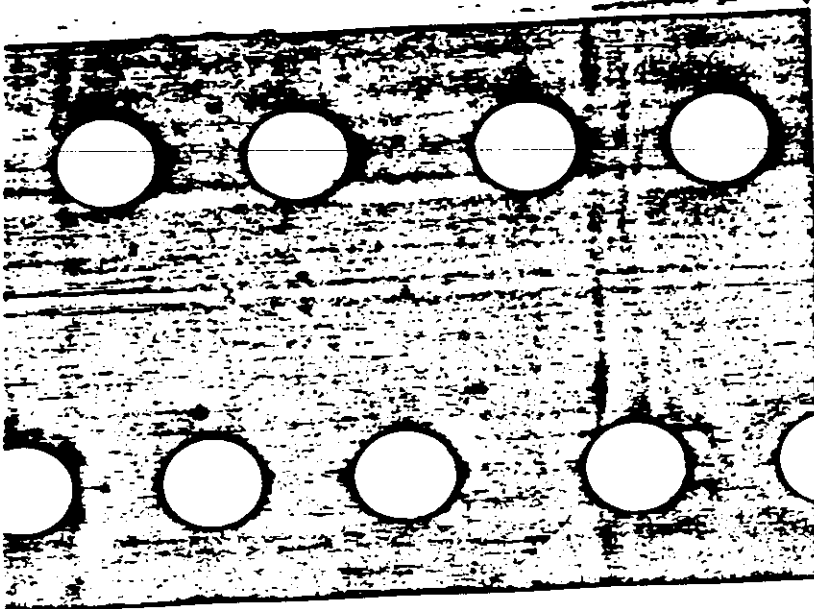
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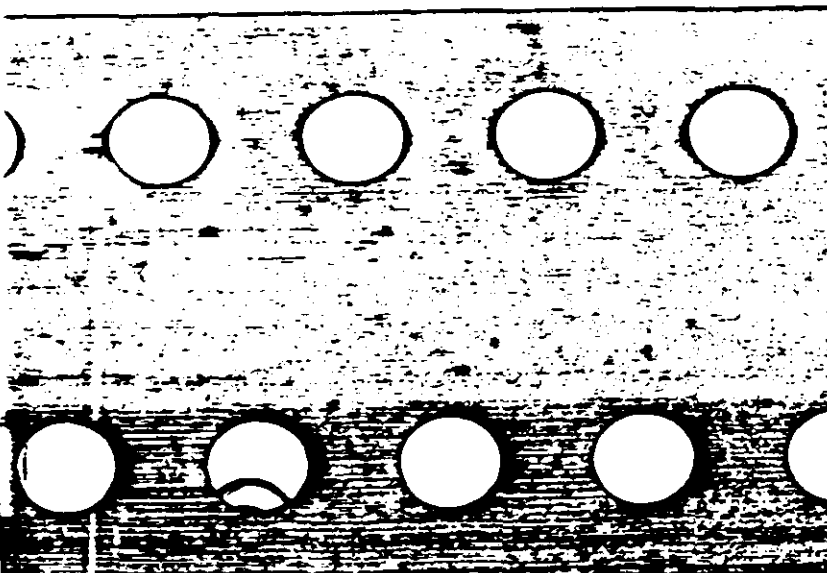
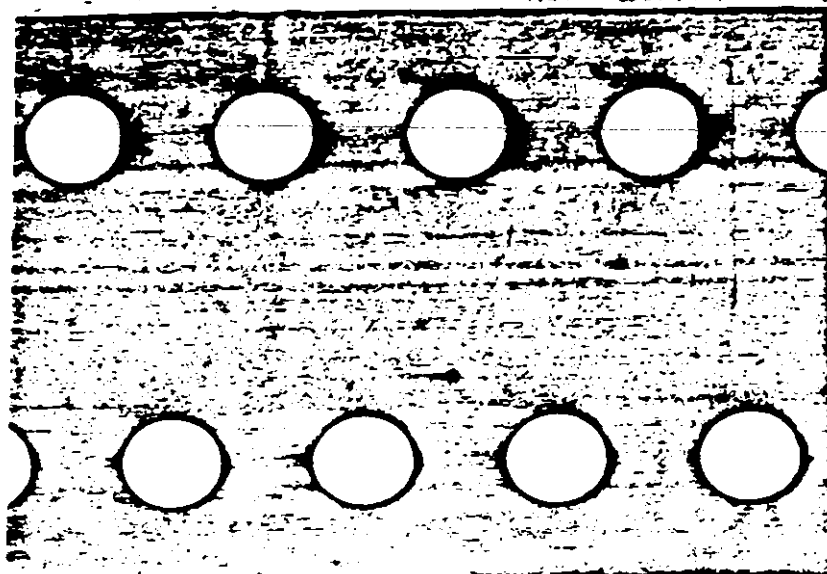
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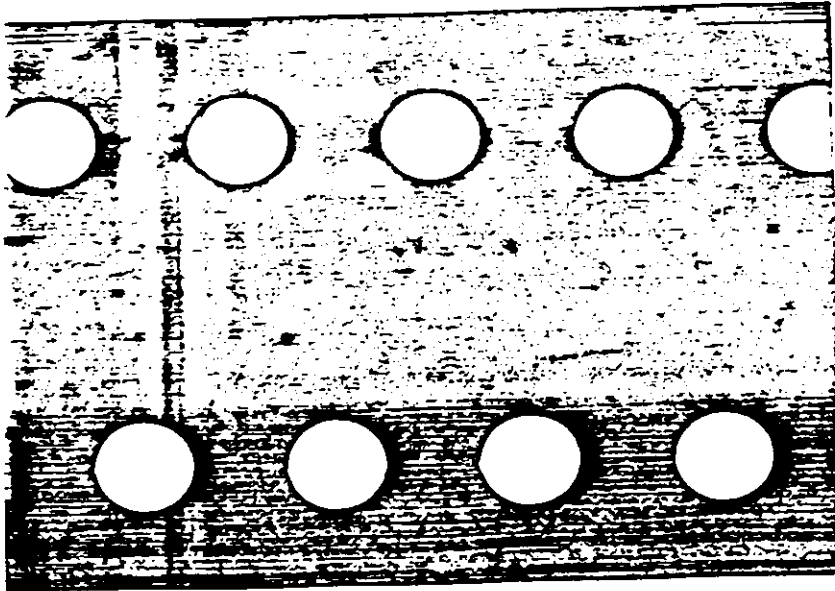
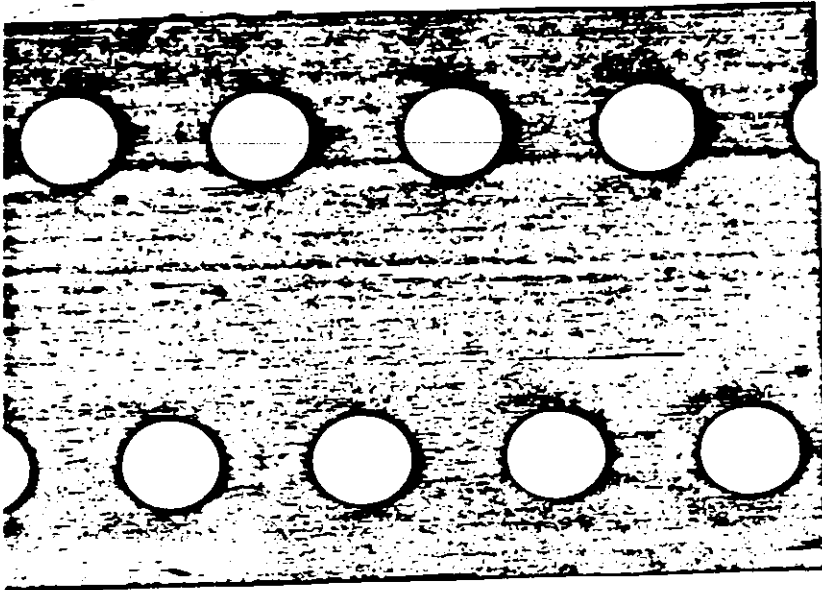
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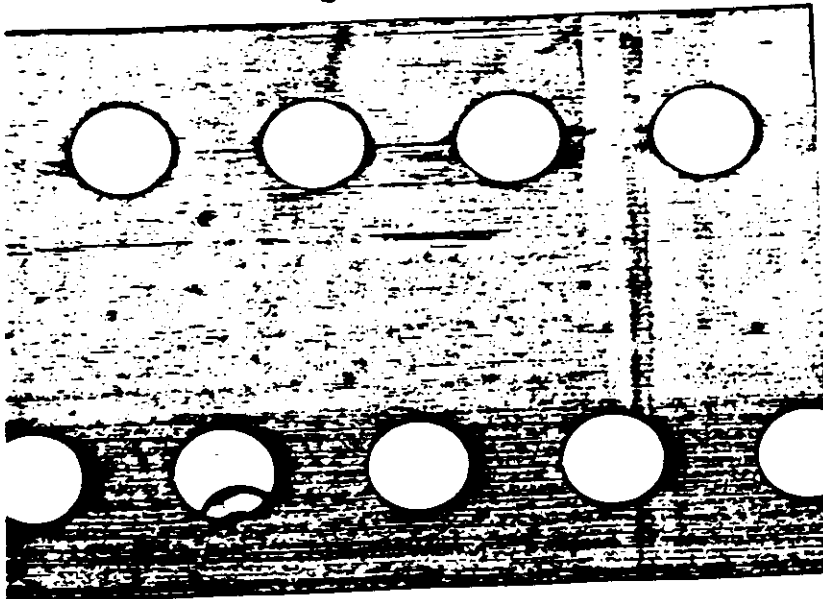
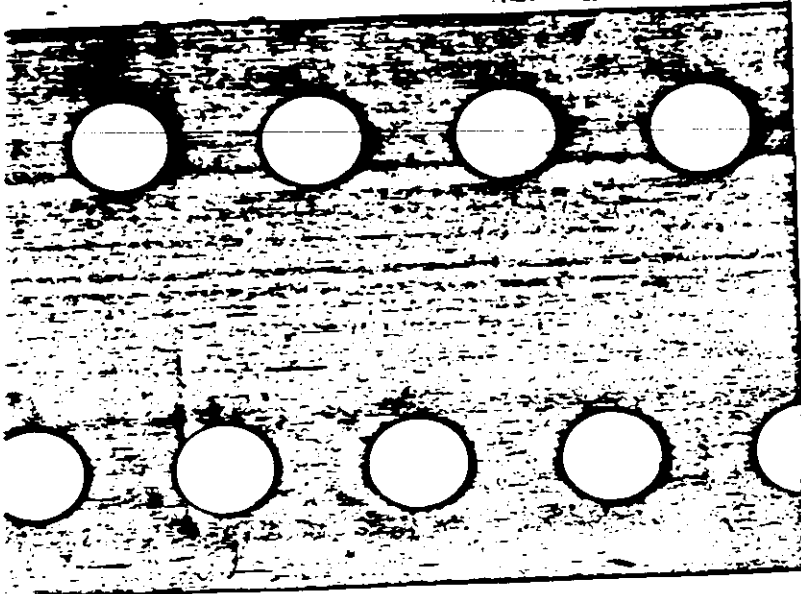
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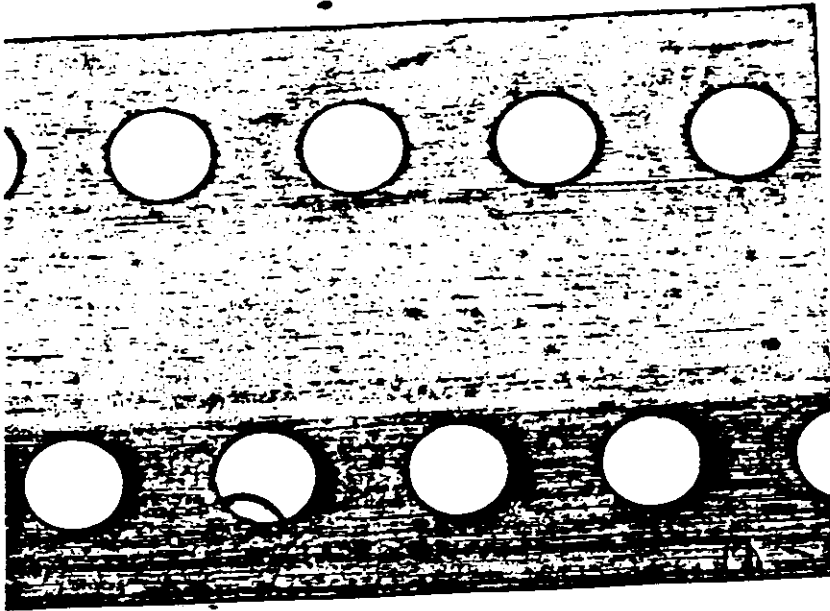
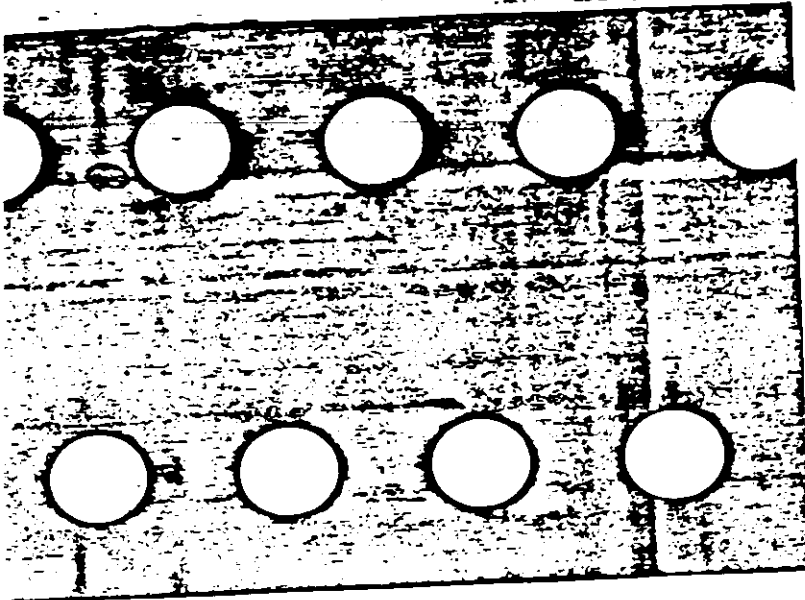
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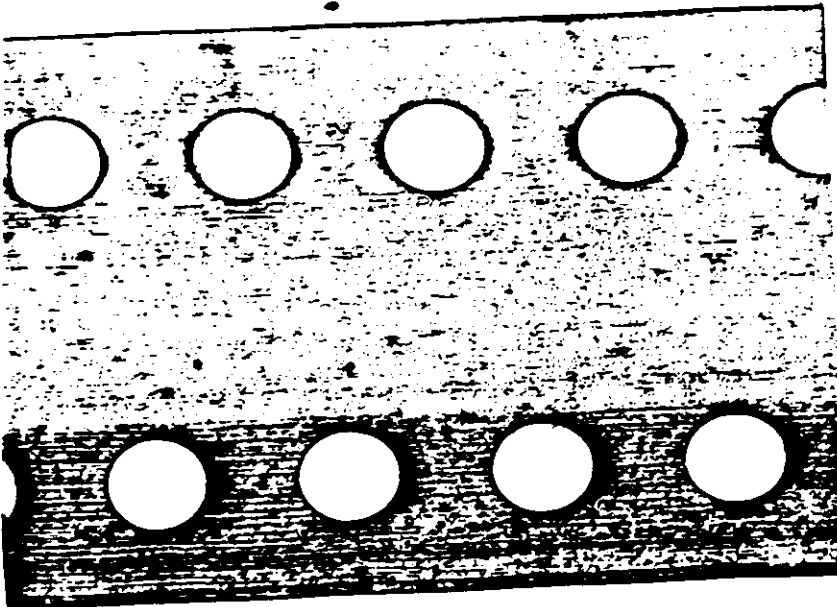
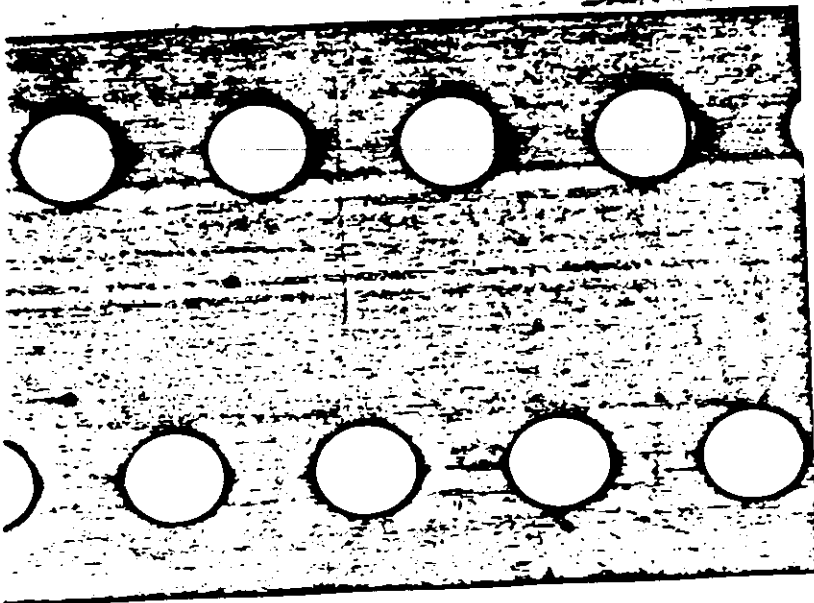
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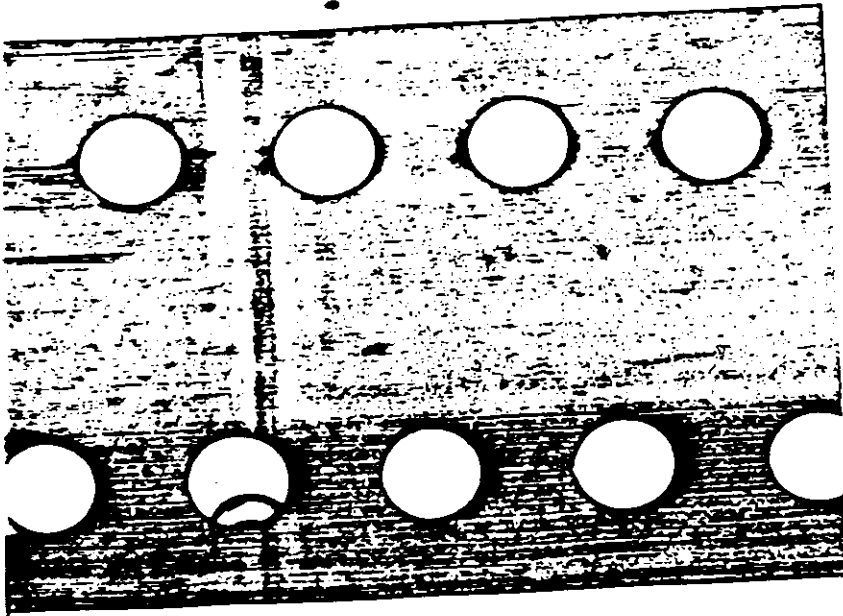
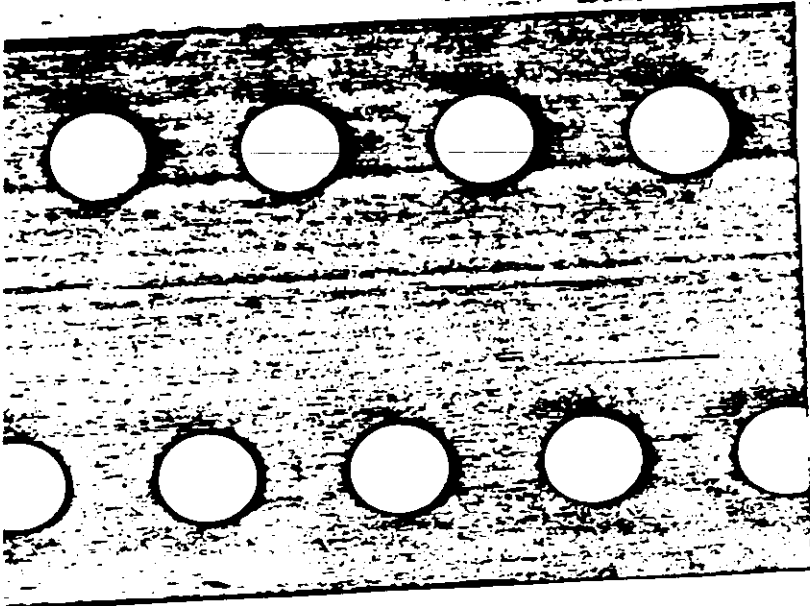
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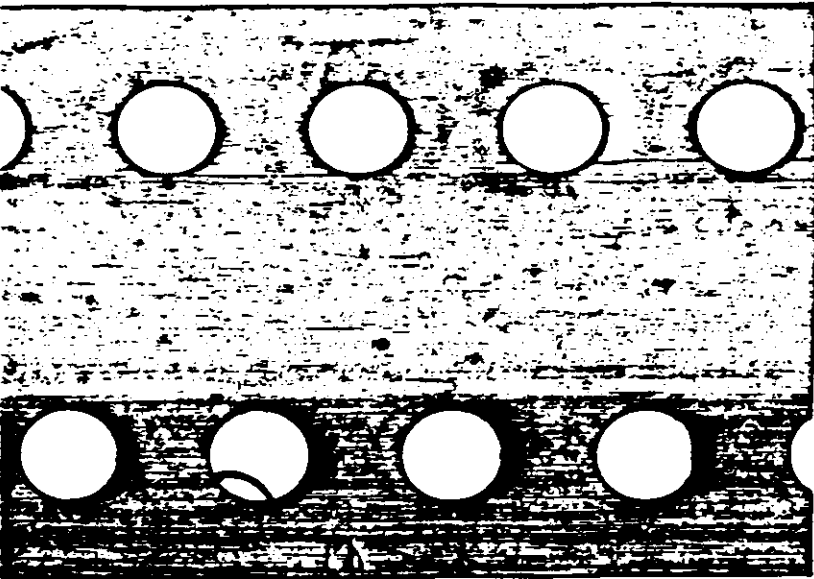
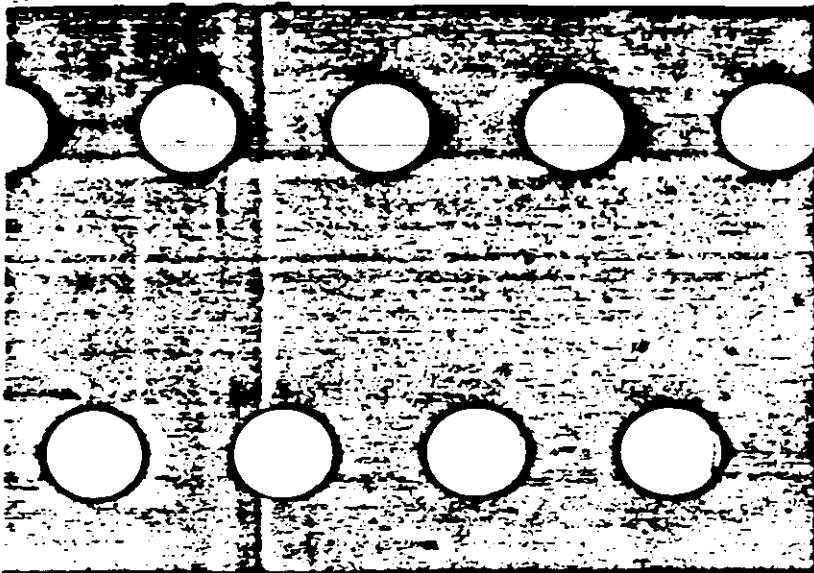
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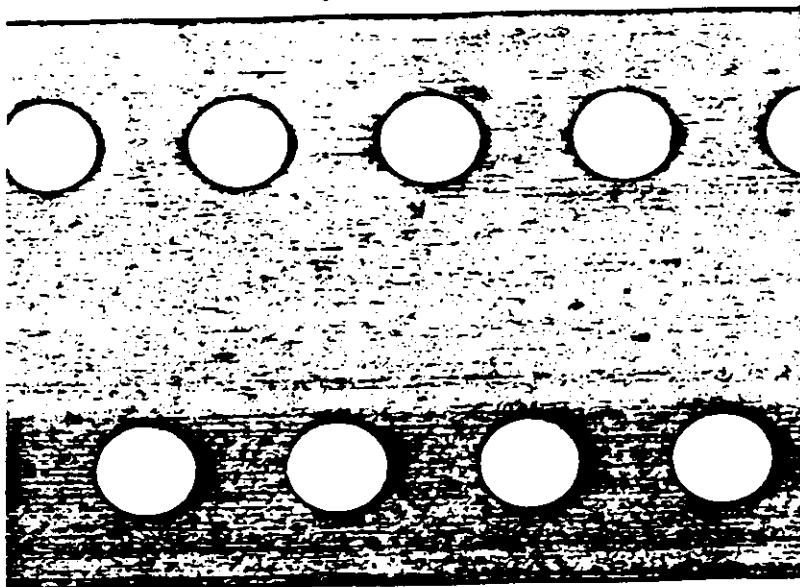
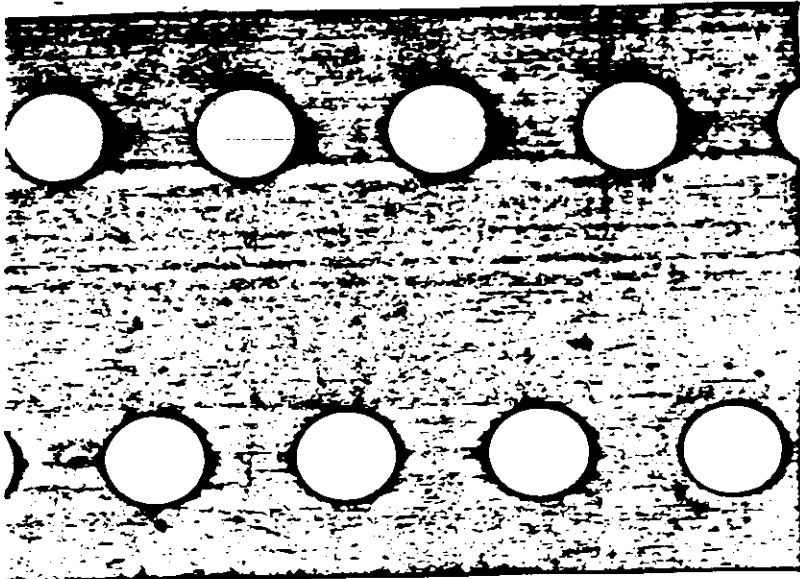
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# Link Luciano To \$300,000 Dope Seizure

By ABA PIASTRO and  
JAMES CARTER

Federal authorities, who yesterday seized aboard a French freighter what they termed the biggest cache of contraband opium since 1941, declared that Charles (Lucky) Luciano, deported New York vice overlord, is involved in all dope-smuggling operations out of Mediterranean ports.

Acting on orders from Collector of Customs Harry E. Durning to search every ship arriving from ports near Luciano's Sicilian sanctuary, Customs agents swarmed over the Bastia, a former American Liberty ship, and found 50 pounds of opium in raw gum form and 10 pounds of heroin.

The value in present form was put at \$300,000, but Deputy Surveyor Herman Lipski, in charge of the Customs Enforcement Division, said the narcotics if cut in the usual fashion would retail at "more than \$1,000,000."

"We have positive information in our files," Lipski said, "that Luciano is involved directly or indirectly in all transportation of dope from Italian and French ports."

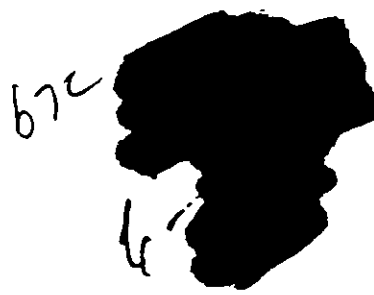
Lipski pointed out that Durning's order to search all ships from the Mediterranean—a practice begun soon after Luciano's deportation two years ago—produced \$10,000,000 in dope seizures last year alone.

The latest find, which included 22 bottles of French perfume which had not been declared, was made in a lubricating oil tank beneath the floor plates of the engine room. Three burlap sacks were found floating in the oil. They contained the dope and perfume in heavy tarpaper wrappings.

The Bastia, which arrived Thursday at Pier 28 in the East River, was placed under extra-heavy guard immediately after the find. All crewmen were restricted to the ship and Supervisory Customs Agent Charles E. Wyatt began checking fingerprints against prints found on the contraband packages.

The ship had called at North African and Southern European ports, including Naples, which is not far from Luciano's stamping grounds.

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## Lucky and the Angel

Lucky Luciano, back in Italy by U. S. invitation, is overshadowed by a Sicilian bandit who makes him Robin Hood. Lucky, alone and alone, feels terribly hurt

**An Article by  
R. MICHAELS**

There is a certain Signor Salvatore Luciani, a globe-trotter of considerable notoriety, who is especially allergic to newspaper. When it rubs his sensitive epidermis, he breaks out in an irritating rash.

The normal red epithelium that have covered his face since lately are the result of an edacious compulsion to which Italian newspapers have subjected him—an unwelcome compulsion, the good humor of his friends. The sensitive globe-trotter—a international journeyman has been at the pointed invitation of the upstart land of his adoption—was during his American residence connected with a number of interesting and remunerative businesses. During Prohibition days under the nom de guerre of Lucky Luciano he filled the national need for Scotch with Mulberry Street juice, a bathtub product manufactured in New York's Little Italy. Suffering pop-heads are grateful for his well-knowned tenure. Men out on a tear and in need of aggressive feminine companionship knew that Lucky would provide. He even had a reputation as a stabilizer in industry. While the duration of a strike in which he took a personal interest was bound to be short it has been pointed out that the number of new arrivals in hospitals and morgues for the same period was unnaturally high.

His only reward for these services was a sentence to a thirty-to-fifty-year term of imprisonment in New York's Dannemora Prison which was followed, nine-and-one-half years later by an order deporting him to his native Italy.

Lucky's bitterness has turned to resignation. "It was a bum rap," he said recently. "And after all I did for those people in the States."

There will be no attempt here to enter into a discussion of the merits of Lucky's

complaint, for the present treatise deals with the uncomplimentary comparison he has been subjected to ever since arriving on the sunny shores of the land he quit at the age of nine.

It was no more than natural that Lucky Luciano, America's most publicized gang leader, should find that the Italian prince would draw comparisons between him and Giuliano the Great, who is the laundri king of Sicily. Lucky became uncomfortably aware of his Italian counterpart almost as soon as he stepped off the ship that brought him from America. As he strode down the dock, he saw a large police flyer signed by the Minister of Interior offering one million lire reward for the capture, dead or alive, of Il Bandito Giuliano. Alongside it was another flyer—it looked as official as the first—posted by Giuliano, offering two million lire reward for the capture of the Minister of Interior.

Giuliano's conduct differs from that of his American cousin in several ways. Giuliano, for instance, robs only the rich. Furthermore, he gives freely to the poor. He is, in fact, a modern-day Robin Hood. Of course, there have been synagogues who say that he steals his returns to the rich and so must be of social conscience as from a few meager double-entry bookkeeping. So vigorous are his efforts in this direction that he has become a one-man campaign for the redistribution of Social wealth, as such, he is an important economic factor in the life of the island. The police, of course, are reluctant to give him any credit for generosity, and

the source of his philanthropy some two hundred people have lost their lives. They say, too, that part of the wealth waste in transit from the rich to the poor, sticks to his fingers. But thus far there have been no complaints on this score from the peasants who are his beneficiaries. To them he is an angel—a kind of Pancho Villa played by Errol Flynn in Technicolor.

In the tour-de-force companion between Lucky Luciano and Giuliano the Great, the elder, more professional American producer has taken a beating. One of the biggest laughs at the expense of the misunderstood Lucky stems from an article that appeared some time ago in an Italian daily. It pointed out that the birthplace of Lucky was Lerman (and a small village just a few miles east of Minneapolis, the mountain-fortress headquarters of Giuliano) and that, therefore, it was a not unreasonable assumption that Giuliano and Giuliano were one and the same person. Giuliano was one and the

son Giuliano it said, could be a dangerous used by the American to mask his operations in Italy correspondent, in knowing this and that while both Giuliano and were acknowledged Masters at night, said, he had had over many of giving anything to the poor. Lucky times, especially since, by doing to the role of a hero, it knew of Giuliano's role as a hero in the story of Giuliano, from whom it learned that he had turned to a life of crime, and that people were not to be trusted. Giuliano had thought that he was a hero, but he was not. Giuliano's trucks loaded of wheat from the public press. Lucky it is corn, the wheat can't get enough

An American crime baron has little time for the movies in his profession, and accordingly takes as bitter gall the Italian press reports which speak of Giuliano as "the muleman bandit." (Continued on page 125)

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because of the exaggerated court-tes he presents his victims. There is the story of his encounter with the Duchess of Pratunum.

The royal duchess was sipping her tea one day in her ancient castle when a handsome young man breezed in and kissed her hand. It was Giuliano announcing that his men were at the moment looting the castle from cellar to tower. The duchess, realizing resistance was impossible, pointed to a diamond ring she wore and said that it had been given her by her husband a memento of her youth and great love. "I ask only that you permit me to keep this," she begged.

Giuliano bowed gallantly. "Knowing the story behind the ring will make me treasure it the more," he said, slipping it off her finger.

As a killer, too, Giuliano puts his American rival to shame. There is no skulking in dark corners or hiding elms from the police. He takes pride in his executions.

There is the story of the manner in which he dispatched the Misurara brothers, members of his own gang, whom he suspected of treachery. Believing the brothers were informers, Giuliano decided to test them before passing sentence. He came out of the ghetto hills with one morning and knocked on the door of the Misurara home. "Who is it?" a sleepy voice asked.

"It is the Maresciallo of the Carabinieri," Giuliano responded. "We have trapped Giuliano in the hills. Get dressed quickly and help us take him."

The brothers in common with most members of the hand, had never seen their leader. They dressed hastily and joined the bandit. As they hurried toward the piazza, one of the brothers asked: "Where is he?"

"I am here," Giuliano replied. "The men were machine-gunned near the public fountain."

Not long ago I had occasion to visit Montelepre, where I was entertained at luncheon by Maria, the dark, flashing-eyed sister Sicilian beauty who is Robin Hood's sister. Maria asked me if I knew Lucky Luciano. I said that I did—that I had, in fact, covered his trial in the Special Term of Supreme Court in New York. She was genuinely surprised when I told her that Luciano had received a life sentence and when I added that his presence in Palermo province was in consequence of a deportation order.

"But isn't it true that Luciano was a lieutenant in the United States Navy and was decorated for bravery during the war?"

"Who told you that?"

"Luciano did," she said. "He said there was a conspiracy in the American press to make light of his war activities."

Lucky always considered himself an expert in the political sphere, since he had used the blackjack at the polls. But he

soon learned that even here he paled into insignificance when compared with his Sicilian cousin.

The Sicilian bandit king is against Communism. In characteristic fashion, he expressed his dislike on May Day, 1947, by machine-gunning a Communist rally and leaving sixty victims. He kidnapped thirty-six of these leaders—only a few of whose bodies have been recovered.

His greatest triumph was a letter he wrote to President Truman for aid under the Truman Doctrine. He stated that he was the only military force opposing the Reds and that, as such, he was as much entitled to assistance as Greece and Turkey. And lest Truman think he was merely asking for a handout, he wanted it understood that in payment for this aid he was willing to send 50,000 tons of U.S. goods to his forty-ninth state.

Within the confines of his mountain empire, Robin Hood rules like a benevolent despot. Crimes are almost nonexistent—if his own jurisdiction be omitted—since he deals severely with any competitors. An Italian newspaper, *L'Espresso*, tongue-in-cheek calls him a stabilizing influence in the field of law enforcement. Suppose, for example, that a victim receives a kidnap note from Giuliano. Knowing that it is useless to go to the police for protection, he pays the ransom in advance of any unpleasantness. In the future, he will never again be called upon for further contributions. If then, the victim receives a second kidnap note, he reports the incident to the police, since the second demand obviously comes from a thieving impostor who deserves to be jailed.

Because the comparison between the Italian and American bandits has been so intriguing, a correspondent once attempted to draw Luciano out on the subject. "I don't want to hear any more about that," Lucky cried. "I got enough troubles without having him in my hair. I'm over here minding my own business and I just want to be let alone by people like you. It's your kind that's gotten me into trouble every time with the lies you spread about me. Take that time when I was down in Cuba—it was a phony story that got me sent back here."

The "phony" story stated that Lucky had gone to Cuba to organize the drug traffic—an endeavor in which even Giuliano the Great cannot rival him. Whatever the merits of the newspaper article were, Luciano's presence and activities in Havana were serious enough for Commissioner Ambler, of the Federal Narcotics Bureau, to clamp an immediate embargo on all U.S. shipments of narcotics to Cuba.

Lucky's claim to keeping himself clean is, at best, open to debate. As one who has dedicated the major part of his life to the pursuit of the easy buck, he has

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## Lucky and the Angel

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found it difficult to "pull a sudden halt" to his activities. Soon after his arrival in Italy, he learned that the national need for American cigarettes was so great that Italians gladly paid sixty-five cents—figured at the black market rate—for a pack.

The fact that Italy's government denied its people a cheap pleasure by maintaining unnaturally high import duties made the public-spirited Lucky fairly itchy to rectify the unjust situation. Of course he could have imported cigarettes legally at a cost of about sixty cents a package, but this would have left no profit. So he worked out a modus operandi for aiding his Italian compatriots—a system which, while not quite legal, was awfully profitable.

The cigarette syndicate that Lucky bank-rolled made their purchases in the States at a price of about seven cents per package because the cigarettes were for export. They were delivered to a bonded warehouse and then shipped to a warehouse on the island of Malta. From here they were run by plane and fishing schooner into Italy. The price of the article delivered on the mainland was less than one dollar a carton, and it sold to big-time distributors for four dollars a carton. Eventually it was retailed for about sixty-five cents a pack. Hence an investment of fifty thousand dollars would bring Luciano a profit of two hundred thousand—the type of philanthropy that he best understands.

Another enterprise in which he has investments is the girls business. It's nothing to be sure, like the Statewide affair that earned him a thirty-to-fifty-year sentence for compulsory prostitution in Italy, where houses are licensed by the government and the tariff in the swankiest joint is about ninety cents, pickings from such a project would have been slim.

Lucky bank-rolled three night clubs in Rome and staffed them with good entertainers. These girls, however, are not to be confused with the acrobats, singers, and dancers who work on Broadway. Lucky's lovely girls, their famous Roman bosoms sheathed in sheer silks, do their entertaining at the table—and after hours, if the chump can get up the price. Because their work is on a percentage basis, they really put their hearts in it. In charge of these enterprises is Ralph Laguerri, who was convicted in America on the same charge as the boss and deported six months before Luciano.

An Italian newspaperman once asked Lucky what he thought of Italian women, and Lucky responded that they were very fine indeed—well-proportioned, and in every respect the equal of their opposite numbers in America. The reporter duly recorded this information; he closed his article with the reminder that when Lucky

speaks about girls, he speaks as an international expert.

Lucky has become a familiar figure to those who patronize Italy's night spots. He is usually surrounded by beautiful girls in his own or a competitor's place. It was some time ago at a high-class dive on the Naples water front, that he met an entertainer—a luscious blonde with beautiful blue eyes. She now provides the closest thing to steady feminine companionship that Lucky has had, and the relationship has given rise to the rumor that he is about to be married. His business associates, however, say there is nothing serious in the affair. It's just that Lucky has ten years of prison to get out of his system.

His attachment for the blonde entertainer is pretty deep, though. He now seems to want to back a movie production, and, not long ago, he offered an Italian movie producer seventy-five thousand dollars to make a picture. Only two strings were attached to the offer: The scenario was to deal with a famous American gang leader who is unjustly convicted of a crime and then deported to Italy, where, through philanthropy and many good deeds, he earns the love of the native population. This so touches the heart of the country that it has done him wrong that America apologizes for its unjust treatment of him and he returns in triumph. The second condition, that his girlfriend play the feminine lead.

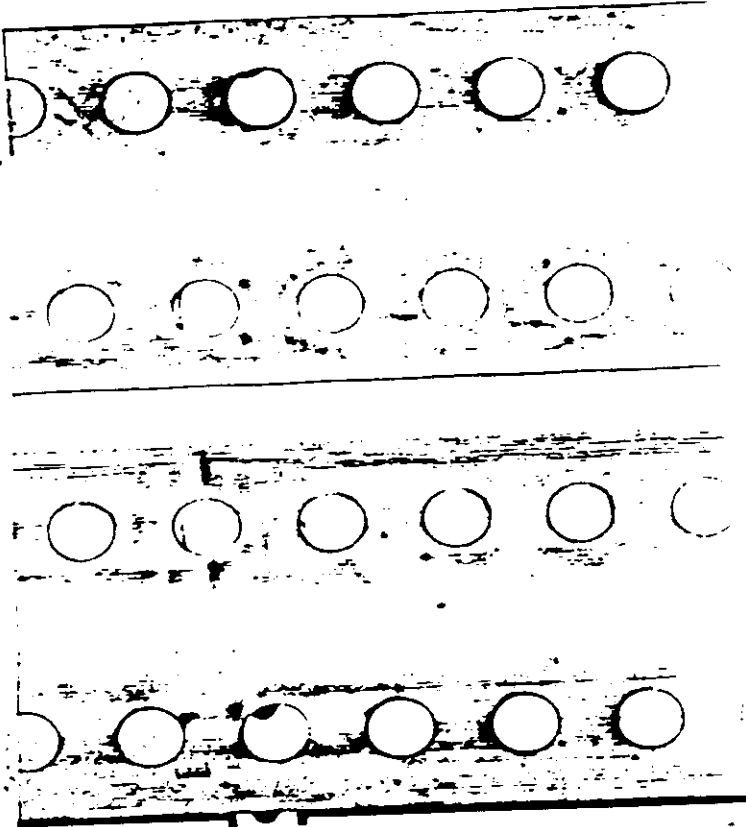
The producer, whose reputation is based on great realistic pictures, politely refused.

When he came to Italy, Lucky's chief whim—for those who could stand listening to it—was that his life had been ruined by an overzealous prosecutor (Thomas E. Dewey, who had sent an innocent man (Lucky) up the river to further his political ambitions. Now he has another complaint. For no reason at all, Giuliano's mere existence has subjected him to the cruel barbs of a most unfortunate companion. And this has caused him not only mental anguish but real physical pain.

Lucky visited Palermo, largest city in Robin Hood's Sherwood Forest, in the closing days of last May. Sicily's modern prototype of the Sheriff of Nottingham—he is the Inspector General of the Public Security forces in Sicily—immediately clapped Lucky in the clink. The charge was suspicion that he was about to contact Giuliano, and Lucky was sent away incommunicado. The local constitution has clauses on writs of habeas corpus and such stuff, but, in practice, a man stays in the can until the cops let him out.

Anyone who has seen a Sicilian jail knows what a fate awaits its tenants—and poor Lucky, who has sampled it, now knows from horrible experience. His bitter cup, brimful with Dewey, today overflows with Giuliano. \*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *sl*

DATE: November 18, 1952

FROM : Mr. Rosen *Re*SUBJECT: CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
INTELLIGENCE FILEINFORMATION CONTAINED  
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*b7D*  
ACTION TAKEN:

*[REDACTED]* Philadelphia, was telephonically instructed to discreetly ascertain through contacts with air lines and reliable informants on a selective basis *[REDACTED]*

*[REDACTED]* New York Office, and *[REDACTED]* Newark Office, were both instructed to cause inquiries to be made through reliable informants in effort to verify *[REDACTED]* allegations. All persons contacted were instructed to make inquiries very discreetly so that no rumors would be circulated concerning Luciano's alleged return to this country which would be attributable to the FBI.

*[REDACTED]* Identification Division, has been requested to forward immediately by fastest mail the identification record, physical description, and most recent photographs to the Newark, New York, and Philadelphia Offices and to the *[REDACTED]* Luciano's physical description was furnished in the above described contacts.

This matter will be followed closely and you will be advised of developments.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED

GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: November 24, 1952

FROM : Mr. Rosen

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~SUBJECT: CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO  
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE  
INTELLIGENCE FILE

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☐  
Mr. Clegg ☐  
Mr. Glavin ☐  
Mr. Ladd ☒  
Mr. Nichols ☐  
Mr. Rosen ☒  
Mr. Tracy ☐  
Mr. Carson ☐  
Mr. Egan ☐  
Mr. Gurnea ☐  
Mr. Harbo ☐  
Mr. Hendon ☐  
Mr. Pennington ☐  
Mr. Quinn Tamm ☐  
Mr. Nease ☐  
Miss Gandy ☐

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

No information has been received from the New York or Newark Offices indicating that Luciano has been in either of those territories.

ACTION:

This is for your information. The Identification Record, physical description and most recent photographs of Luciano have been forwarded to the Newark, New York, and Philadelphia Offices, and to the [REDACTED]. They have been instructed to remain alert for any information indicating the presence of Luciano in this country.

You will be advised of any pertinent developments.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 1, 1952

FROM : SAC, Miami (62-1273)

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SUBJECT: CHARLES "LUCKY" LUCIANO;  
GIIF.

Re telephone call of [REDACTED] of the Bureau  
on November 18, 1952, regarding receipt of information of a  
PCI of the [REDACTED] b7c b7D

Discreet inquiries in this area have been negative  
concerning this allegation.

Since an AP release date-lined at Naples appeared in  
the "Miami Herald" for November 30, 1952, indicating that  
LUCIANO is in Italy where he is under constant surveillance by  
the Italian police, and since he was reported as having been  
interviewed on November 29, 1952, at Naples, no further inquiries  
are being made in this regard.

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